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JOHNSON TAKES OATH; Rheault & Magovern Lead Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

State and federal legislators joined family and friends of the town's latest crop of elected officials for Monday night's swearing in ceremony in the Middle School auditorium.

Before Town Clerk Richard Theroux administered their oaths of office, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, School Committee members, and Town Councilors listened to advice, praise, and pledges of support from U.S. Representative Richard E. Neal. State Senator Linda J. Melconian, and State Representative Daniel F. Keenan.

As the oldest member of the council, Councilor Edward A. Caba presided over the council's first legislative act of the new year: the election of the council president.

Rheault Elected On First Ballot

On the first ballot, former Town Council President Donald M. Rheault reclaimed the gavel he put down eight years ago in an 8-3 vote. With the support of two more councilors than needed, Rheault easily shut down incumbent Councilor Nancy E. Thompson's bid to regain the council

presidency.

Voting in favor of Rheault were Councilors Caba, Rheault, Dennis J. Perry, Gary F. Geiger, Gina M. Letellier, Robert M. Young, John J. Negrucci, and Robert A. Magovern. Voting for Ms. Thompson were Councilors George Bitzas, Jill P. Simpson, and Thompson.

The council vice-presidency was also decided on the first ballot, with Magovern garnering support from five other councilors, including Perry, whose name was placed in nomination for the post. Mrs. Simpson's candidacy gained votes from three of her colleagues. The vote was 6-4-1 for Magovern, Simpson, and Perry, respectively.

Pledging to work cooperatively with the Mayor and the council, Rheault said he would do his best to foster fair and open debate, but he would not allow the debate to focus on personalities rather than the issues.

"We're here to discuss issues, not personalities. Everyone has a right to their opinion, but if it gets down to personalities, you can be sure the debate will be cut off," Rheault said.

Both Johnson and Rheault said they have worked together successfully in the past and they look forward to the same cooperation in the future.

A Compromise Candidate

Describing himself as a compromise candidate for the vice-presidency, Magovern said, "Unity is the word for this council. Everyone is willing to work for the good of the community and I'm very confident of the council over the next two years."

Predicting an increasingly important governmental role for local officials as more authority moves from the federal government to the individual states, Neal urged the local politicians to turn away from the divisive language that often turns political opponents into enemies.

"We all have to be a little shocked at the level of public discourse," Neal said. "When we use words that lower the public debate, we all suffer," Neal said.

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THE NEW AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL, from left - Dennis Perry, Nancy Thompson, John Negrucci, Gina Marie Letellier, Edward Caba, President Donald Rheault, Vice-President Robert Magovern, George Bitzas, Gary Geiger, Jill Simpson, and Robert Young. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SWEARING-IN - from Page 1...

Senator Melconian had high praise for Johnson's "prudent, responsible leadership" during his tenure as Agawam's first—and only—mayor, crediting him for balancing the town's budgets without any large tax increases or overriding Proposition 2½.

Melconian said Johnson's "responsible, no-nonsense, can-do approach to finding new solutions to age-old problems" has resulted in a town government that is "more efficiently and more effectively operating than ever in its history."

Offering his congratulations and thanks for the work they do, Keenan said the local officials, like all elected leaders, have the "awesome opportunity to do good for the community."

Before beginning the process of electing the council's new president, Caba seized the opportunity to praise the last Town Council for its work in supporting the town budgets presented by the Mayor.

"The council that just concluded did a whale of a job," Caba said. "We have fully funded the budgets. Without this council, the Mayor's programs couldn't have been carried out. The schools have been taken care of better than in the history of Agawam. I just hope they spend their money wisely."

Caba joined the call for unity on the council, while noting the inevitability of differences of opinion.

"We're human beings, so there are going to be differences. I hope those differences will be taken care of right on the surface without any backbiting," Caba said.

Under his leadership, Rheault said the council would be a council of action rather than reaction. "I like to address issues before they become problems," Rheault said.

Among the first items on his legislative agenda, Rheault identified the building of a new DPW garage and the resurrection of the AEDIC (Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission).

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AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, from left, are being sworn-in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux - Teresa Kozloski, Linda Galarneau, Susan Pettazzoni, Louis Massoia, Roberta Doering, and Rosemary Sandlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rep. Keenan Invites Senior Citizens To Attend Informal Meeting

Agawam seniors will be able to meet with State Rep. Dan Keenan in an informal setting at the Agawam Senior Center library.

Rep. Keenan has scheduled office hours during the month of January to listen to seniors' concerns and comments on issues facing the district and the state.

Rep. Keenan will be available on Wednesday, January 14th and 21st, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. (no appointment is necessary).

Residents may also reach Rep. Keenan at his district office at 342 Springfield Street in Agawam, 786-4545.

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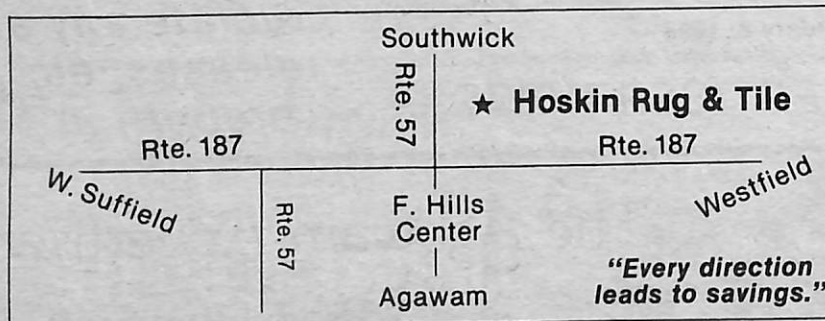
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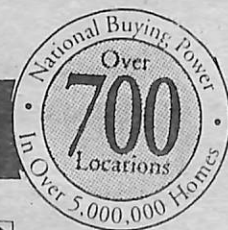
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Letters To The Editor

Residents Should Get Involved With Their Local Government

To The Editor:

On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the 1996-1997 City Council, we wish a safe and prosperous New Year to all of Agawam's citizens.

The last two years have seen several contentious and divisive issues come before this council and the people of Agawam.

This council gave the people the voice that they deserved on the referendum question, and the voters have spoken.

In the spirit of the holiday season, and the hopes for a rebirth and renewal of community spirit here in Agawam, let all citizens put aside their differences and join with their neighbors in wiping the slate clean and starting the new year without prejudice, animosity, or hard feelings.

Our town is more than just the government, it is more than just the brick and mortar of our schools and public buildings. It is not just our roads and highways or our neighborhoods. Our town is the sum total of the ambitions, the needs, wants, hopes and desires of the hard working citizens who comprise it.

Our government may be the vehicle for administering the day-to-day workings of our town, and your tax dollars are the fuel that supplies it. It is YOU, the citizens of Agawam, who are in the driver's seat!

It is my wish for the people of Agawam to get involved with our government. There are many boards and committees that deserve and need your involvement. There are even more civic and service organizations that can provide truly rewarding community work.

Agawam is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families. As we approach the new millennium, I hope we will all resolve to become participants rather than onlookers in the quest to make our community an even better place.

Sincerely,
Kent Servis
Feeding Hills

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Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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ZBA Expected To Vote On Permit Regarding Betty's Old Towne House

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its next meeting on Thursday, January 8th, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was expected to vote on the request for a permit to store the 166 year-old landmark building on Walnut Street that housed Betty's Old Towne House while two local businessmen work out the details of their plan to save the building from being demolished to make way for a Walgreen's Drug Store.

Although the ZBA members were not ready to give the project their stamp of approval without first visiting the site, acting Chairwoman Doreen Prouty noted, "In my opinion, most people in town will be behind moving the building."

Mrs. Prouty said she would not be able to make a decision without visiting the site to consider any possible detrimental effects on the neighborhood.

"We've all grown up with Betty's Towne House and we have our hearts on our sleeves over this," ZBA member Larry Hoague added. "We are trying to resolve this issue."

The ZBA reopened the public hearing on the request for a storage permit at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Getting ZBA permission to store the building temporarily on the neighboring three-acre lot where he owns and operates Floral Concepts by Tom is the first step in Thomas R. Fredette's plan to preserve the building and use it as a coffee shop and artisan's gallery.

At last week's ZBA meeting, Fredette and floral shop manager Dennis A. Librera outlined their plan to move and store the building while they petition Town Council for a zone change in order to locate the building there permanently.

Special Permit Or Zoning Change Needed

Since most of Fredette's property is zoned residential, they will need either a special permit from the ZBA or a zoning change from Town Council in order to use the building for a new business, even though there is already an existing business on the property. Librera said they had been advised by the Mayor's Office to seek a zone change rather than a special permit.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the best

way to deal with the problem is to seek a zone change from Town Council so that the existing business and the new business will be on property that is properly zoned for business.

Currently, the flower shop is a non-conforming use of the property, Johnson said.

"The best way legally is to change the zoning on the parcel," Johnson said. "I think the council would support the request. I certainly support it."

However, newly-elected Town Council President Donald Rheault said he thought going the special permit route might be the better choice because once the zoning is changed, any business allowed in the business zone could eventually locate at the site.

Noting that he had not been contacted over the issue, Rheault said. "Off the top of my head, I think it makes more sense for a special permit from the ZBA."

Rheault pointed out that the ZBA can impose conditions on a special permit that must be complied with, but once the zoning is changed, the town will lose that control.

Agawam resident Charles Duclos, who lives next door to Fredette, said he and his wife wholeheartedly support the plan to move the building and open it as a new business venture.

Preservation Of Utmost Importance

Richard Bellico, a member of both the Agawam Historical Association and the Historical Society, said preserving the building is of the utmost importance. "This is a landmark in our community that will continue to enhance the community."

Librera said they are facing a February 1st deadline before Walgreen's is expected to begin demolition of the building.

The company has pledged to provide \$15,000 to help pay the costs of moving the building and has arranged for a local engineering firm to draw up the necessary site plans.

Moving the building will cost an estimated \$75,000.

"AgawamOpoly" Is Currently Available At Rep. Keenan's Office

The AgawamOpoly board game is available for purchase at State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's district office at 342 Springfield Street. The AgawamOpoly game is \$20 and proceeds will benefit the Agawam Rotary Club.

The Agawam Rotary Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to community service in Agawam. For more information about the Agawam Rotary Club or the AgawamOpoly board game, contact Rotary President Tim Ayre.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, January 12th
Meeting and Annual Pot Luck Supper of Catholic Women's Club of Agawam
At Parish Ctr., St. John the Evangelist Church
6:00 p.m. (followed by a Penny Auction)

Monday, January 12th
Program and demonstration - "Mush: Raising, Caring, Training, and Racing Sled Dogs"
At Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
To register, call 789-1550 or visit the library

Monday, January 12th
PTO Board Meeting
At Agawam Middle School (cafeteria)
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13th
Monthly session for World War II Chorus
At Agawam Senior Center
2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14th
Early Release Day for Agawam students and staff in grades PreK-12 (see this week's "Education" section for specific dismissal times for each school)

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Local Legislators Attend Town Ceremony



FOR THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY held at the Middle School of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Council members, and members of the School Committee, local legislators who attended included (photo right) State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, U.S. Congressman Richard E. Neal, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and State Senator Linda J. Melconian. IN PHOTO LEFT, Johnson takes the oath of office from Town Clerk Richard Theroux as his wife, Anna, looks on. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David A. Pisano
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Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis. Permits will only be issued weather permitting, and only to those locations meeting these guidelines. CMR 10.22.

1. Burning of brush, cane driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.

2. No grass, hay leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind will be allowed. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME.

3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4. NO COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL BURNING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.

5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling or structure.

6. Outside burning for cooking purposes is allowed.

7. NEVER USE GASOLINE TO START THE FIRE.

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ANY FIRE WHICH IS DETERMINED TO BE A HEALTH HAZARD OR NUISANCE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXTINGUISHED IMMEDIATELY.

All permits will be issued from Fire Headquarters, 800 Main Street, Agawam. The phone number is 786-2662.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE "911" NUMBER TO CALL FOR PERMITS.

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Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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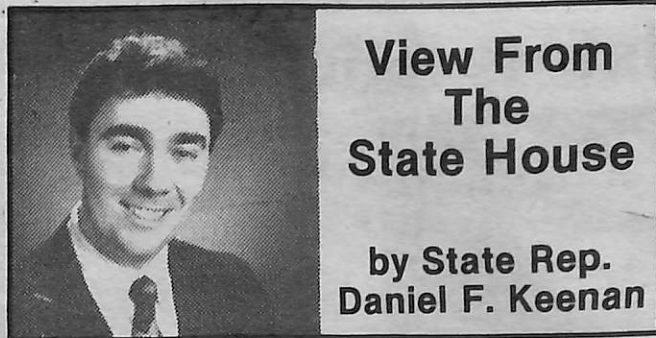
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View From The State House

by State Rep.
Daniel F. Keenan

1997 Year-End Review, Part I

*"The Legislative Budget Process -
A Commitment To The Bottom Line"*

I am proud and honored to have contributed to a historic and memorable year in the House of Representatives. As I look back at 1997, I am reminded of the highly controversial issues the Legislature has dealt with, and the manner in which our debate and consideration of these issues unfolded.

The Legislature has continued and will continue to hold to the highest of standards. Our commitment to a sensible bottom line and to the prudent investment of taxpayer money has governed our every decision, and our judgement has been sound.

I am overwhelmed by the faith placed in me by the residents of the Third Hampden District, and have carried myself through 1997 completing my legislative duties and responsibilities for you.

In 1997, Massachusetts witnessed budget deliberations and completion that won universally high marks for fiscal integrity, weighted priorities, and much-needed procedural institutional reform. I will always remember 1997 for the \$1.7 million appropriation in the budget for the first State Veterans' Cemetery to be located in Agawam.

The long-standing abuse of "outside Sections" dealing with non-budget legislation in the state budget was curtailed by a combination of debate

rules, membership self-discipline, publicly articulated goals, and firm leadership. It is a noteworthy institutional advance.

A similarly historic advance was made in the provision of budget amendment information summaries to all members as well as the press and public before the start of the budget process. This common sense provision was not adhered to until 1997. The result was heightened awareness to the issues shaping the Commonwealth, and restoring the public's confidence in the Legislature and budget process.

Another procedural institutional reform was no forced late-night sessions or associated feeding frenzies. The institutional harm done by these habitual practices was substantial and recurring.

Every single budget debate in recent memory has suffered from permissive allowance of some if not all of these troubling practices. This year's budget indulged none of them and both the Legislature and public shared in these institutional gains.

The budget reflected the prudent restraint appropriate to our presently strong economic performance.

Education funding at the K-12 level, public higher education and scholarship assistance, local aid, community policing and public safety programs, and targeted tax reduction all received significant funding support. Unsustainable excesses, which characterized the comparable budget debates of the 1980's, were assiduously avoided and should stand us in good stead over the next few years.

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to evaluate 1997 and look to 1998, and share my reflections. It is important to know where we have been to know where we want to go, and how to get there.

As memorable as this legislative session was, the most vivid memories I hold of 1997 are the people I have met and interacted with throughout the year. Your support is the foundation of all our success, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in 1998. Thank you.

Agawam Police Department's Arrest Blotter For December 28th Through January 4th

On December 28, 1997, Jason R. Simmons of 62 Day St., West Springfield was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, receiving stolen property under \$250.00, unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle, and attaching plates.

On December 28, 1997, Mark J. Roy of 28 Spring St., West Springfield was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and an outstanding warrant.

On December 30, 1997, Daniel M. Moauro of 23 Suffield St., Agawam was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On January 1, 1998, Brian K. Fife of 59 King St., Westfield was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On January 1, 1998, Joe Alvarez of 61 Savoy St., Springfield was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On January 1, 1998, Kristina M. Talbot of 17 Daytona St., Springfield was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On December 30, 1997, Susan J. Ligus of 23 Suffield St., Agawam was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On January 4, 1998, Thomas E. Herzog II of 869 Main St., Agawam was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

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Fuel Assistance Info & Applications At Agawam Senior Center

Information and applications are available at the Agawam Senior Center for those individuals qualifying for fuel assistance. Please look at the income guidelines to determine if you may be eligible.

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2 - Income under \$18,568 (eligible)

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2. A copy of your latest heating bill (*make sure it has your name and address on it*).

3. A current I.D., Social Security card, birth certificate, or your current driver's license.

GOOD NEWS!!!

The Senior Pharmacy Program will continue through 1998!

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OUR DEADLINE is every Tuesday at noon. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. To subscribe call us at 786-7747.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1998, at 6:35 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of ANTHONY AND JANE FAZIO, who are seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Duplex Style Residential Structure" at the premises identified as: LOT No. 2, GARDEN STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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— Agawam Obituaries —



Thomas H. Coppola

Thomas H. Coppola, 74, of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, a former town councilor and social leader, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 25-year agent for the Towne Insurance Agency, and retired in 1989.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Agawam in 1964. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield. He served on the Agawam Town Council, and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a past exalted ruler of Springfield's Elks Lodge 61, and chaired many of its committees.

He was the chairman of Eastern States Exposition program sales for 32 years, and was named Italian Elk of the year in 1968, and Elk of the year in 1987.

He was a past state Elks trustee, and started the West District charity ball. He belonged to the Dante Club of West Springfield, and the Agawam Fish and Game Club.

He was a starter at the Oak Ridge Country Club for four years. He was president of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National for six years, and district governor for two years.

He also was a former director of the Italian Cultural Center, and a past president of the United Italian-American Societies.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, the former Laura Serra; a sister, Filomena Adair of Lake Worth, Florida; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks Girls' Scholarship Fund, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

Ralph J. Sabadosa, Jr.

Southwick: Ralph J. Sabadosa, Jr., 57, of 232 Feeding Hills Road, a self-employed auto wholesaler, died at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Springfield Trade School.

He lived in Southwick for the past 35 years.

He was a member of the Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam. He also belonged to the Dante Club of West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Sandra L. Potter; a son, Russell J.; two daughters, Judith Niziolek and Lisa Hagopian, all of Feeding Hills; a brother, Richard Sabadosa; and three grandchildren.

The funeral at Southwick Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in Our Lady of the Lake Church. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Priscilla A. Schmidt

Priscilla A. (Miller) Schmidt, 82, formerly of 75 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow, died on Monday, January 5th, at the Mary Lyon Nursing Home in Hampden, MA.

She was a saleswoman at the former Brigham's and Steiger Department Stores in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in that city most of her life before moving to East Longmeadow.

She was a graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield, and was a former member of the Western Massachusetts Model-A Restorers Club.

She was a communicant of St. Michael's Church of East Longmeadow.

Her husband, William P. Schmidt, died in 1988.

She was also predeceased by her sister, Rita Progulski.

She leaves a son, W. Peter of Chicopee; two daughters, Dolores Navikonis of Somers, CT, and Kathleen Sibley of Monson; two nieces, Eugenia Harrington of Scarborough, Maine, and Ellen Lightcap of Feeding Hills; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial Mass at the church on Friday morning, January 9th, at 10:00 a.m., and Sampson's Family Chapels is in charge of the arrangements. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Quaboag Valley Hospice, 103 Fairview Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Alice M. Marsian

Alice M. Marsian, 82, of 144 Cabot Street, Chicopee, died in an Agawam nursing home.

A lifelong resident of Chicopee, she worked at the Chestnut Knoll Nursing Home in Springfield, and was the director for eight years. She retired in 1985.

She was previously a nurse at Springfield Hospital (now Baystate Medical Center) for 15 years.

She was a communicant of the Holy Name Church.

Her husband, Kurt Marsian, died in 1963.

She leaves a son, Karl W. of East Longmeadow; two daughters, Mona Murphy of Feeding Hills and Julie A. Marsian of Springfield; a sister, Julie Hursh of Chicopee; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Corridan Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Fairview Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

Eloise Berthiaume

Eloise (Roughton) Berthiaume, 62, of 14 Porter Drive, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was born in Columbia, North Carolina, and lived in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, before moving to Agawam 35 years ago.

She worshipped at the First Baptist Church of Agawam. She belonged to the Sunday Night Social League at the Agawam Bowl.

She leaves her husband, Norman J.; a son, Robert of Agawam; a daughter, Lorraine of Agawam; and a brother, Bradford T. Roughton of Manteo, North Carolina.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by a service in the church. Burial was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

John A. Beauchemin

John A. Beauchemin, 90, of 262 Woodmont Street, West Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

A lifelong resident of West Springfield, he worked for the Boston and Albany Railroad for more than 40 years before retiring.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the 721st Railway Operating Battalion.

He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam.

He was active with American Legion Post 207, the Transportation Communications International Union, and the 721st Railway Operating Battalion Group.

He leaves his wife, the former Dorothy M. Roberts; a sister, Lucy A. Parent of West Springfield; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 640 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032.

Ida E. Machnac

Ida E. (Smith) Machnac, 68, formerly of 74 Springfield Street, Agawam, died at Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Northampton, she lived in Agawam for many years.

Her husband, Joseph Machnac, predeceased her.

She leaves two stepsons, Joseph Jr. of Agawam and James of Holyoke; three stepdaughters, Beverly Tetreault and Eileen Pilas, both of Holyoke, and Cecelia Facher of Florida; two brothers, Harold of Northampton and George of Westhampton; a sister, Frances Town of Altus,

Oklahoma; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A private service was held at Pease Funeral Home, and burial was held in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Barbara A. Fountain

Barbara A. Fountain, 55, of 34 Washington Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a master barber.

Born in West Springfield, she was a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College, and lived in Springfield for 25 years before moving to Agawam in 1995.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her mother, Christine Smith of Agawam; three aunts, Marie Manarite of West Springfield, Elizabeth Masiatis of Westfield, and Gloria Saville; three uncles, Albert Manarite of South Hadley, Francis Manarite of West Springfield, and John Manarite of New Hampshire.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Florence L. Lafleur

Florence L. (LaValley) Lafleur, 86, of 12 Ames Avenue, West Springfield, died at Country Estates Nursing Home in Agawam.

She was a 12-year employee of the former S.S. Kresge Co. in Springfield. She also was a hairdresser, and owned Lafleur's Beauty Shop for 20 years.

Born and schooled in Palmer, she moved to West Springfield in 1930.

She belonged to the Senior Center and the Golden Agers, and was a former member of the Springfield Hairdressers Association.

She leaves a son, Edward F. of West Springfield; four grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were private, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Rose M. Fleury

Rose M. (Hooper) Fleury, 55, of 71 Norman Street, West Springfield, died at home.

She was born in Ludlow and schooled in Agawam. She lived in Agawam until 1990, when she moved to West Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Patrick Fleury; her mother, Priscilla (Gossman) Magagnoli of Feeding Hills; three sons, Robert Benoit of Feeding Hills, Paul Benoit of Springfield, and Randy Benoit of Westfield; a daughter, Bina M. Batchelder of Holyoke; three sisters, Kitty Coddling of West Springfield, Eleanor Coventry of Southwick, and Carol Wheeler of Wales; 11 grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in the decedent's memory may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

George Angelopoulos

George Angelopoulos, 79, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died at home.

He was a retired salesman for Leader Chevrolet of West Springfield.

He lived in Chicopee Falls and later in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1953.

He was a World War II Army veteran and played Triple A baseball as a pitcher and first baseman. He also played semipro baseball in the greater Springfield area for American Bosch, Westinghouse, and the Tiger Athletic Club of Chicopee Falls.

His wife, Pauline (Bailey) Angelopoulos, died in 1990.

He leaves a son, John G. of Johnson City, Tennessee, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at the Fairview Cemetery in Chicopee. Tylunas Funeral Home of Chicopee was in charge of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...**Elizabeth F. Brady**

Elizabeth F. Brady, 74, of 9 John Drive, West Springfield, and formerly of Agawam, died at home.

She was a 27-year legal secretary, and a 31-year executive secretary at the former Springfield plant of Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Born in Springfield, she was a longtime resident of Agawam before moving to West Springfield.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

She leaves two nephews, a niece, and cousins. The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 79 Pine Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Santa M. Creamer

Santa "Sandra" M. (Sotolotto) Creamer, 79, of Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Prior to retirement, she was a waitress at the Village Court Restaurant in Chicopee for 20 years.

Born in Italy, she was raised and educated in Springfield and had lived in Feeding Hills since 1952.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and was a volunteer lunch mother at the Kensington School in Springfield for several years.

She was predeceased by her husband, James D. Creamer, in 1990.

She leaves three sons, William Colton of New York City, Donald M. Creamer of Tampa, Florida, and Dennis J. Creamer of Agawam; a daughter, Donna Mendenhall of East Longmeadow; three brothers, Joseph Sotolotto of Springfield, Mario Sotolotto of Agawam, and Carmino Sotolotto of New York; three sisters, Pauline Funai, Mary Moran, and Antoinette Marra, all of Springfield; her companion, Mario Settembro of Springfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield, with services in the church and burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurses Association Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

Francis W. Parrow

Francis W. Parrow, 77, of 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a purchasing agent at Hamilton Standard in East Windsor, Connecticut, and retired in 1980.

Born in Chicopee Falls, he was a graduate of Chicopee High School. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He was a Holyoke Golden Gloves boxer and a member of the Agawam Country Club, where he was known as "Putter Parrow" for having made two holes-in-one. He also played semi-professional football for the former Brightwoods team in Springfield.

He was also a volunteer at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

His wife, Gertrude (Murphy) Parrow, died last February.

He leaves a son, Michael of Minneapolis, Minnesota; six daughters, Christine Thompson of Agawam, Jean Bodman and Mary Ellen Goodhue of Feeding Hills, Nancy Morrow of Westfield, Maureen More of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and Kathleen Parrow of West Springfield; a sister, Marie Geoffroy of Springfield; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield, with services in the church and burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chicopee.

Richard D. Landers

Richard D. ("Dick") Landers, 62, of 4635 Palvored Drive, New Port Richey, Florida, died on December 11, 1997 at the James A. Halley Veterans Medical Center in Tampa, Florida.

He was a driver for the Astro Limousine Service. Born and schooled in Agawam, he lived in Florida for 18 years.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. He leaves his mother, Edna M. Landers of New Port Richey; a brother, Robert R. of Feeding Hills;

three sisters, Jane Mortenson of Crystal River, Dorothy Holcomb of West Suffield, CT, and Beverly Landers of Windsor Locks, CT; and nephews and nieces.

A graveside service was held at Center Cemetery in Agawam, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Frances A. Day

Frances A. Day, 75, of 100 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, and formerly of Wheeler Avenue, Springfield, died at a local nursing home.

She was a 41-year employee of Monarch Life Insurance Co.

Born and schooled in Holyoke, she was graduated from the former Classical High School and Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow.

She attended the Old First Church in Springfield, where she was a chorister, guildwoman, and member of the Adult Fellowship and the McPherson Club.

She also was in the Springfield Doll Club and the Lucy Webb Hayes Rebekah Lodge.

She leaves six cousins, Ellen L. Bozenhard of West Springfield, Bruce Day of Connecticut, Forster Day of Texas, Carol Markert of Pennsylvania, Kenneth Burian of Wilbraham, and Ann Burnett of Agawam.

A memorial service was held at the church, and the burial will take place in Pine Hill Cemetery in Westfield this spring. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

George H. Smith

George H. Smith, 84, of 41C Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, a retired custodian at Duggan Junior High School in Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, he lived in Feeding Hills for the past 18 years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Pheasant Hill Social Club and the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Veronica (Starzic) Smith; three sons, George H. of Nashua, New Hampshire, Edward of Feeding Hills, and Robert of Easthampton; a daughter, Gloria Christofori of Springfield; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital, Donations Department, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Madine A. LeBarron

Madine A. LeBarron, 95, formerly of Tilden House in Barre, Vermont, died Monday, December 29, 1997 at the home of her daughter, Rose Brouwer, on Peros Drive in Agawam, where she has resided since 1985.

Born in East Montpelier, Vermont, on August 22, 1902, she was the daughter of James and Nancy (Findley) Rodgers. She attended school in East Montpelier.

On September 29, 1928, she married Truman LeBarron in Plainfield, Vermont. The couple made their home in East Montpelier and Barre. He died October 5, 1961.

In earlier years, Mrs. LeBarron was involved with in-home care for those who were in need in the Central Vermont area. She was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose Auxiliary of Barre.

Survivors include her daughter, Rose M. Brouwer of Agawam, with whom she resided; two granddaughters, Joy Ottani of Springfield, MA, and Jan Brouwer of Agawam; a sister, Nancy Perry of Bradford, Vermont; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Ray Rodgers and John Rodgers, and two sisters, Avis Brown and Rose Leslie.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Plain-Mont Cemetery in East Montpelier. There were no calling hours.

The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy Street, Barre, Vermont, was in charge of the arrangements.

Matthew S. Bonk

Matthew S. Bonk, 77, of 23 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a salesman for Sears Roebuck Co. and the JC Penney Co. He retired in 1986.

Born in Lowell, he lived in Enfield and

graduated from Enfield High School. He later attended the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

He moved to Feeding Hills in 1948 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was active with American Legion Post 148 of Agawam.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Janice E. Chlosta; two sons, Matthew S. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and David T. of Chicopee; three sisters, Amelia Chmiel of Chicopee, Stella Marks of Enfield, and Helen Scott of Wilton, Maine; and three granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, followed by services in the church. Burial was at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam Council on Aging Memorial Fund, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Michael A. Alvaro

Michael A. "Buckets" Alvaro, 82, of Howard Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a crane operator for General Fibre Box (now Longview Fibre). He retired in 1970. He was previously a presser for the former Whittley Tailors of Springfield.

Born and educated in Springfield, he lived most of his life in Agawam.

He served in the Army during World War II in the European Theatre.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. He was a member of the Victor Emmanuel Club, the Dante Club, the Agawam Lions, and was a former member of the West Springfield-Agawam Elks.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Pauline M. (Cecarini) Alvaro; a daughter, Paula C. Parker of Oxford; two sisters, Roma Pikula and Frances Gralia, both of Springfield; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with a Mass in the church. Burial was held at Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Morris Pilver

Morris Pilver, 81, of 204 Allen Park Road, Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center following an auto accident in Enfield.

He was a 25-year pasteurizer for the H.P. Hood and Son Co. in Agawam and retired in 1981. He previously worked at the former F.B. Mallory Milk Co. in Springfield.

Born in Gloversville, New York, he lived in Springfield most of his life.

He was a member of Congregation B'nai Jacob and the Springfield Jewish Community Center and its Silver Foxes and Belles.

He leaves his wife, Miriam (Perlmutter) Pilver; a son, Barry of West Hartford, Connecticut; a daughter, Sandra Cohen of Ocean, New Jersey; a sister, Anne Smith of Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Harold R. Ascher and Son Memorial Chapel, with burial in the B'nai Jacob Cemetery in West Springfield. A memorial observance was held at 204 Allen Park Road with evening services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Jacob, 2 Eunice Drive, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or to the Jewish Community Center, senior department, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

William R. Pierson

William R. Pierson, 64, of 300 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Centerville, Kentucky, he was an Air Force veteran, a member of the Melha Shrine Temple, its Hadju Unit in the Go-Cart Group, and the Legion of Honor.

He also was a 32nd-degree Mason in the Mount Orthodox Blue Lodge of West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, Corrine; six sons, William Lee Jones of Alabama, Gregg Pierson of Agawam, James Pierson of Chicopee, Robert Pierson of Florida, David Pierson of East Longmeadow, and Stuart Pierson of Chicopee; a daughter, Linda Ann Pierson of Springfield; two stepsons, David Siudak and Robert Siudak; 10 grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

The service was private, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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Earle D. Dore

Earle D. Dore, 78, of 48 Lark Drive, Chicopee, and formerly of White Birch Avenue, Feeding Hills, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

Born in New Bedford on November 24, 1919, he was the son of Henry and Viola (Plummer) Dore. He grew up in Ludlow and lived in Chicopee most of his life.

He was a retired construction worker for Westover Air Force Base, Ted Ondrick Construction, and Fontaine Brothers Construction Company for many years. He retired in 1984.

He leaves two sons, C. Wayne Dore of Hadley and Mark E. Dore of Greenfield; three daughters, Sandra Farrer of Riceville, Tennessee, Joanne Hickey of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Pamela Nading of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Henry Dore, Jr. of Ludlow and Charles Dore of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Mae Hicks of Ludlow and Kitty Placido of Framingham; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with Liturgy in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. Burial was in St. Rose de Lima Cemetery in Chicopee.

Catherine J. Ashe

Catherine J. Ashe, 84, of 462 Main Street, Agawam, and formerly of Suffield, Connecticut, and Barnegat, New Jersey, died at a local nursing home.

She was an executive advertiser for the Beach Haven Times Newspaper in Manahawkin, New Jersey. She retired in 1981. She previously worked for the U.S. Envelope Co. in Springfield.

During World War II, she worked for the former Ordinance Department in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was educated in Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School in 1931. She graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York.

She lived in Barnegat before moving to Suffield in 1984. She returned to Agawam in November.

She leaves a brother, Thomas J. of Wilbraham; four nieces, Caroline J. Morgan and Bonnie R. Ashe, both of Holyoke, Robin C. Ashe of Springfield, and Michele Leveton of Wilbraham; and a grandnephew.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, with a service in St.

Cecilia's Church and burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Kenneth J. Maynard

Kenneth J. Maynard, 67, of 38 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 26-year foreman for the City of Springfield Parks Department before his retirement in 1980. Following retirement, he was a 10-year office official for the Springfield Falcons hockey team.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Feeding Hills 40 years ago. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He leaves his wife, Geraldine R. (Lebra) Maynard; three sons, Kenneth J. Jr., Michael A., and Joseph C., all of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Kim A. Maynard and Mary C. Maynard, both of Feeding Hills, and Sophia A. Maynard of Springfield; two brothers, Arthur Jr. of Chicopee and Dr. Richard of Lancaster, Ohio; two sisters, Almira Liberti of Springfield and Maryann Muskie of Chicopee; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

Lionel A. Pratte

Lionel A. ("Lee") Pratte of Mansion Woods, Agawam, and formerly of Wilbraham and Longmeadow, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a part-time employee of the Thunderbird Motel in West Yarmouth. Previously, he and his late father were the 40-year owners and operators of Pratte & Sons Construction Co. of Springfield. They built more than 300 homes.

He was a long-time Realtor and broker, and was associated with Whyte Realtors of Wilbraham and Noonan Realtors of West Yarmouth. He also was the former owner and operator of Grey Nook Florist of Ludlow and Elsie's Country Flowers in Indian Orchard.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester, and attended Assumption College.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He belonged to the Home Builders Association of

Greater Springfield and the Massachusetts Board of Realtors, was a life member and former president of the former Richelieu Club of Springfield, and was a former member of the Wilbraham Rotary Club.

He leaves his wife, Maureen (Fitzgerald) Pratte of Agawam; two sons, Steven C. of Wilbraham and Ronald L. of Bay Point, California; two daughters, Michelle C. Pratte of Florence, Northampton, and Lisa R. Gaouette of Chicopee; his mother, Helene (Chenette) Pratte Blake of Springfield; a brother, Charles A. Jr. of Webster Groves, Missouri; a stepson, Joseph F. Nelen of East Longmeadow; 10 grandchildren; and a nephew and niece.

The funeral was held at the Holy Name Church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield. Sampson Chapels of the Acres Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western New England Visiting Nurse Association, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA, or the Baystate Health Systems Development Office (Renal Transplant Fund), 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199.

Joseph E. Hollis

Joseph E. Hollis, 51, of Death Valley, California, and formerly of West Springfield, died in Las Vegas, Nevada, after being injured in an accident at work. He was an employee of the Furnace Creek Ranch.

He also worked at restaurants in the Springfield, MA, area, including the Ramada Inn, B'Shara's, and the International House of Pancakes, for many years.

Born in Springfield, he spent most of his life in West Springfield.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, attended the First Baptist Church in Agawam, and belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6714 in West Springfield.

His wife, the former Constance Ann Harrow, died in 1992. His daughter, Tinamarie, died in 1965.

He leaves a son, Joseph E. Jr. of Holyoke, and his father, Joseph P. of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at Center Cemetery in Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Connie Hollis Memorial Fund, in care of the church, at P.O. Box 324, Agawam, MA 01001, or VFW Post 6714, 764 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

LEGAL NOTICE

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Valenti for a Definitive Subdivision Plan. The proposed subdivision will consist of two lots on the westerly sideline of Greenwood Street and the southerly sideline of Warren Street on 40,000 sq. ft. of land.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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School Committee
To Meet Jan. 13th

The Agawam School Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 in the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, at 7:30 p.m.

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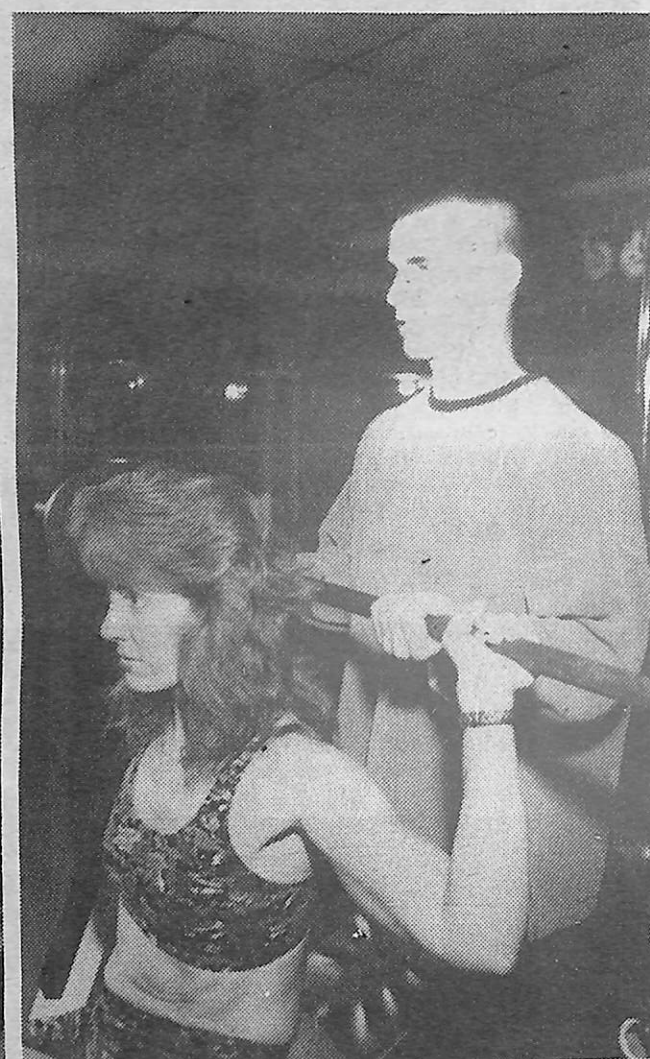
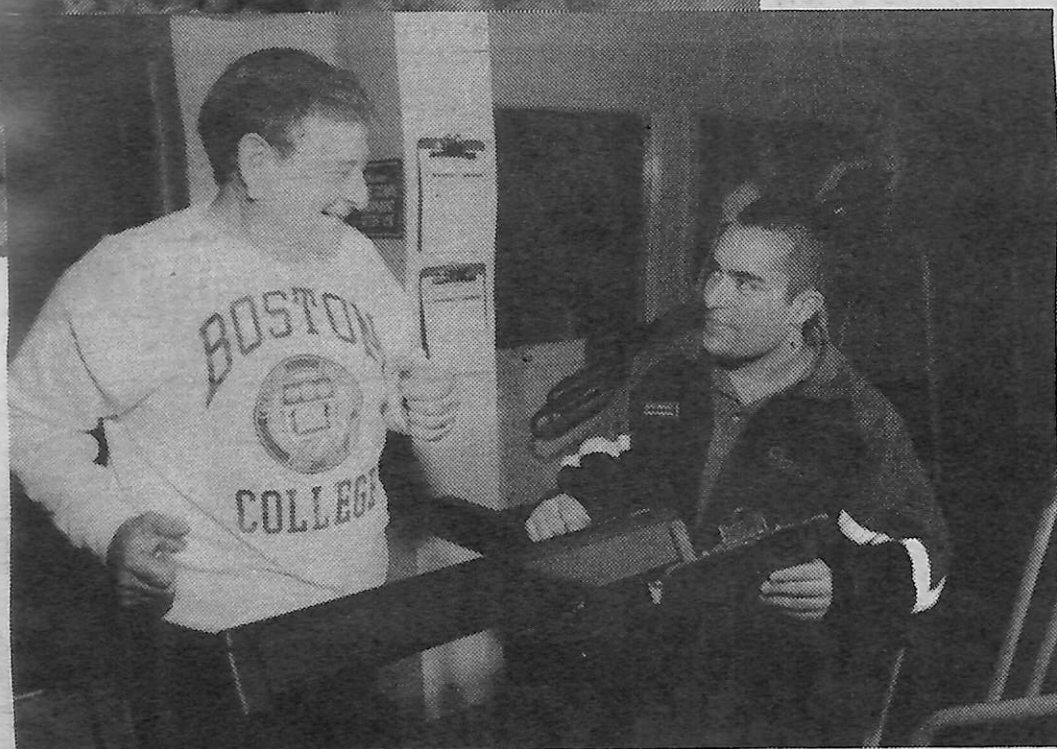
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Agawam UNICO Holds Pancake Breakfast



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, members of the Agawam chapter of UNICO (pictured above) held a fundraising pancake breakfast at the Italian Sporting Club, located at 349 Cooper Street in Agawam.

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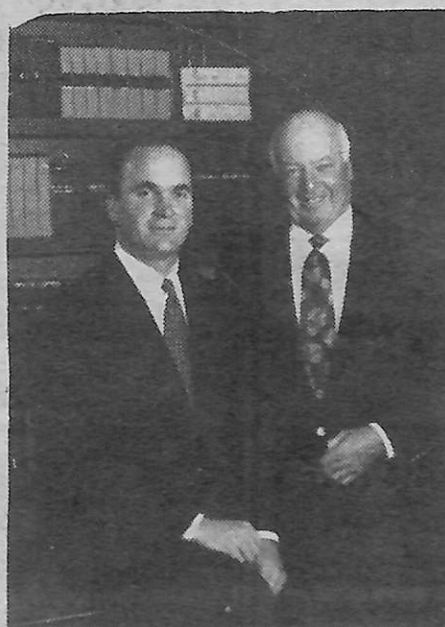
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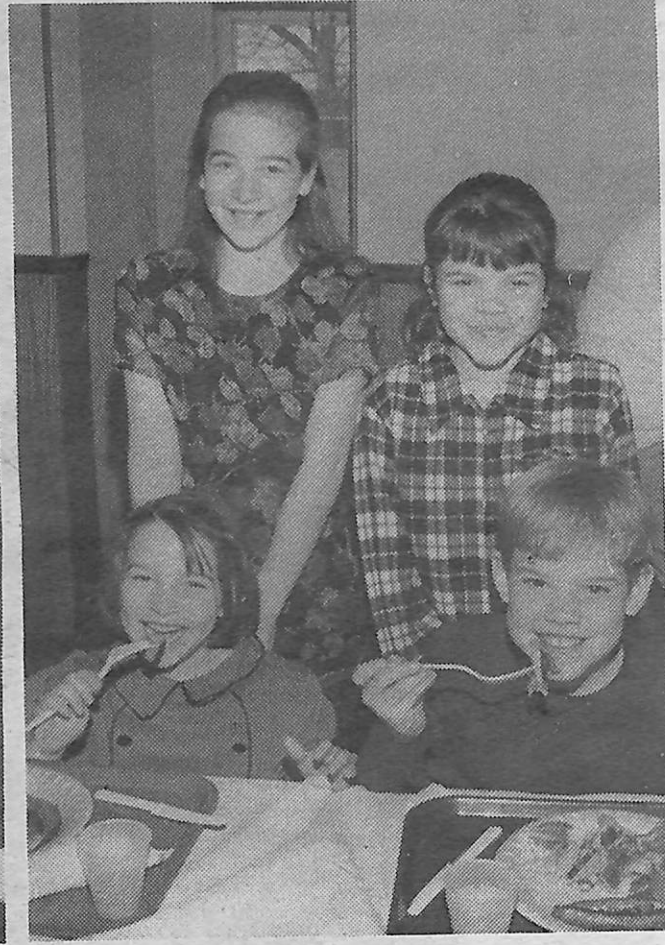
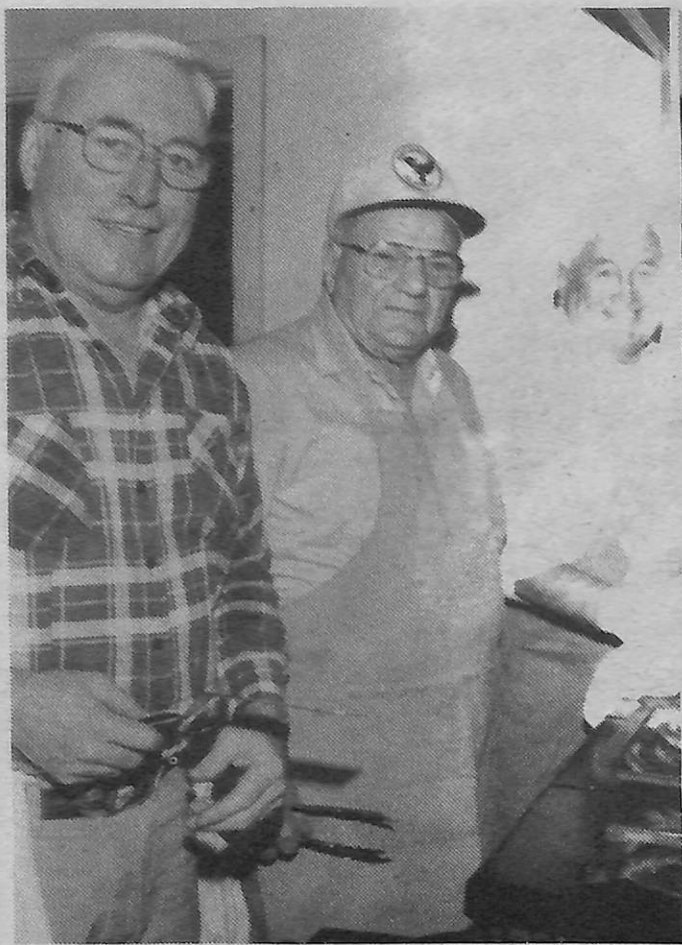
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Smiles And Santa At UNICO Pancake Breakfast...



IN LEFT PHOTO: UNICO members Ed Disco, John Chriscola, and Charlie Calabrese; IN MIDDLE PHOTO: Gabrielle Devine and Kayleen Gerow visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus; IN RIGHT PHOTO: Amy Lownds, Kaitlyn Chase, Nikki Lownds, and Tricia Chase are enjoying their breakfast.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Pvt. Brian M. Hebert Completes Special Infantry Training

Army Pvt. Brian M. Hebert has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid. Trainees developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, soldiers received instruction to become qualified light-weapons infantrymen, and indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad. Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, field communications, combat operations, and survival during a nuclear, chemical, or biological attack.

Hebert is the son of Carol M. Veto of 80 County Road, Holyoke, and Harvey R. Hebert of 56 Hosham Place, Feeding Hills.

Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 2 Activities For January 1998

January 7th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Bingo will be played.

January 21st: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Ronald Sawyer, hard-of-hearing specialist.

January 23rd: Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

The membership booklet is being updated. Members are asked to submit current address to Rita Matys or Ed Grimes. 1998 membership dues are now payable to Ed Grimes.

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UNICO "CHEFS" AT THE Italian Sporting Club: Tony Polacco, Dennis Marchetto, Ron Lalancette, Richard Forni, and Rudy Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam American Legion Hosts Christmas Party



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, American Legion Post 185 in Agawam held a Christmas party for children. IN LEFT PHOTO: Emily Thies, Brooke Andruss, and Alex Andruss tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Gabrielle Gonet and Alissa O'Connell visit with Santa and one of his elves. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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New Year's Eve Party At The Senior Center



JOAN LENNIHAN is the "balloon girl" at the Agawam Senior Center's New Year's Eve party. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Super Stop & Shop Helps Open Pantry

George Miller, General Manager for West Springfield's Super Stop & Shop, recently presented Cassie Gilmartin from the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry with a proceeds check from their "Adopt an Agency" drive this year.

As part of Stop & Shop's community support programs, employees raised money through hot dog and bake sales. Stop & Shop's parent company then matched that amount.

All totaled, over \$800 was raised, which will serve 600 meals to the poor and homeless in West Springfield and Agawam.



CELEBRATING NEW YEAR'S EVE at the Agawam Senior Center. Front row - Lillian Graves, Edie Chiba, and Marion Whiteside; standing in back - Lorraine Fontaine, Howard Graves, Irene Jabry, and Joyce Bickford. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Senior Center Announces Winners Of Cribbage Tournament

The Cribbage Tournament that concluded December 12th was a huge success with 29 participants. The winners were Bob Dugan (74 points), Ed O'Brien (71 points), and Olly Muldrew (61 points). The entire list of standings is posted at the Senior Center.

Dave Barden and Joan Williams had perfect attendance. Newest members include Frank Cerporiaz, Edna & Ed Krygowski, Al & Elaine Taupier, Ruth Roberts, Jack & Barbara Perry, Jim & Miriam Taupier, and Lyman Simpson.

All new members and all participants are welcome to return for the next tournament, which will take place January 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. It will run through March 27th. Another tournament will start April 3rd and run through the end of June. If you want to learn or improve your skills, please join in for lessons!

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 12th: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, cole slaw, fresh banana.

Tuesday, January 13th: Stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, ice cream.

Wednesday, January 14th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, and cheese, whipped turnip puff, rye bread, cookies.

Thursday, January 15th: Chicken barley stew, tomato and cucumber salad, cheddar cheese, biscuit, pears.

Friday, January 16th: Egg drop soup, baked fish, broccoli and cauliflower, whole wheat bread, peaches.

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STEVEN KINSLEY & PAMELA BOVAT

Pamela Bovat Is Engaged To Wed Steven Kinsley

Edward and Janice Bovat of 19 Riverview Ave., Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Bovat, to Steven Kinsley, the son of Sandra Kinsley and Frank Kinsley, Jr., both of Feeding Hills.

The future bride is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School. She is also a graduate of Kay-Harvey Hairdressing Academy of West Springfield and is currently employed at Scott's Citgo in Agawam.

The bridegroom is also a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School. He graduated from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting in Farmington and is currently employed as a route sales driver for Standard Uniform Services in Agawam.

The wedding is planned for October 3, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Agawam.

Tai Chi Classes At Senior Center

Beginning Friday, January 9th, Tai Chi will be offered at the Agawam Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of exercise which improves concentration, coordination, flexibility, and balance.

Regular practice strengthens major muscle groups and reduce stress. Tai Chi is especially suitable for senior citizens and can be easily adapted to accommodate the skill level and physical abilities and limitations of each participant.

The classes will be held each Friday and will be free to seniors. For more information, call Joan at the Center, 786-0400, ext. 242.

Polish Supper At Community Grange

Community Grange No. 382 will hold a Polish supper on Saturday, January 17th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, vegetable, rye bread, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, or milk.

The price will be \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children under 10. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 789-2061. The public is invited to attend.

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MR. & MRS. DANIEL CAVANAUGH

Terri A. Bruno Becomes Bride Of Daniel Cavanaugh

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for the November 14th wedding of Terri A. Bruno and Daniel Cavanaugh. The reception was held at Chez Josef.

The parents of the bride are Concetta Bruno of Feeding Hills and Robert Bruno of West Springfield. Parents of the bridegroom are Patricia and Daniel Cavanaugh of Wilbraham.

Kristina Bruno, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Ron DeSemone was the best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Bay Path College in Longmeadow.

The groom graduated from Chicopee High School and attended Holyoke Community College and Westfield State College. He is a case manager at Community Solutions Inc. in Hartford, Connecticut.

Program On Sled Dogs At Agawam Public Library

The public is invited to the Agawam Public Library on Monday, January 12th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., for a demonstration entitled "Mush: Raising, Caring, Training, and Racing Sled Dogs" by Mike Santos of The Wolf's Den Kennel.

The program will include the basics of mushing and gear exhibition. Mike will bring his dogs, share some of his mushing experiences, and answer any questions.

Mike Santos, a local musher, has been training and racing sled dogs for nine years. He has finished several 60-mile races and most recently finished 10th in the 1997 Can Am Crown 250 sled dog race in Fort Kent, Maine.

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MR. & MRS. MICHAEL KEENEY

Amy McCullough Weds Michael Keeney

Amy McCullough and Michael Keeney were united in marriage at a 5:30 p.m. service at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, on October 11, 1997. Father Kenneth Tatro officiated the ceremony and a reception followed at Chez Josef.

Parents of the bride are Benjamin and Beverly McCullough of 11 Ellington St., Agawam. Parents of the groom are Robert and Barbara Keeney of 87 Forest Hill Rd., Feeding Hills.

The matron-of-honor was Donna Colby, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Lou McCullough, Kate Keeney, Amy Kulik, and Cherrie Baronowski. Erin Colby, niece of the bride, served as junior bridesmaid, and Shannon Colby, also niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

David Keeney served his brother as best man and the ushers were Tim McCullough, John Colby, David Pisano, and Joe Fontaine. Gari Keeney, nephew of the groom, was ringbearer.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and South Eastern Academy for Travel. She is employed at B&D Petroleum Sales, Inc. of Springfield.

The bridegroom graduated from Agawam High School and Porter and Chester Institute. He is employed at E.H. Friedrich Co. of Holyoke as a draftsman.

The couple reside in Feeding Hills.

World War II Chorus To Next Meet On Tuesday, January 13th

Following a successful concert in November, many of the members of the World War II Chorus expressed an interest in staying together for monthly sessions. These will begin on Tuesday afternoon, January 13th at 2:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

A good time was had by all, and plans for continued activity and new song material will be in progress at the monthly sessions.

New members will be welcome at any time and an open invitation is extended to anyone who enjoys informal singing.

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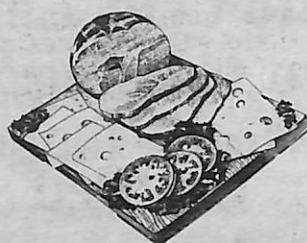
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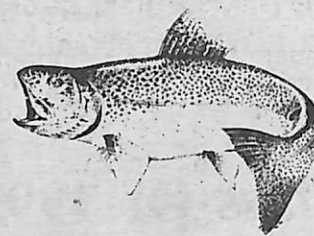
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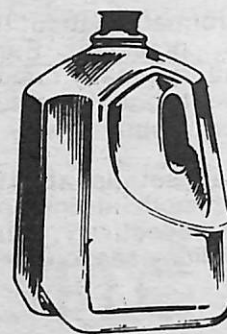
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AHS Class Of 1993 Making Plans For Five Year Reunion

Plans are underway for the five-year reunion of Agawam High School's Class of 1993. Class officers guarantee this will be an event you won't want to miss...he's checking his list, he checking it twice, he's going to find out whose been naughty or nice.

Regardless, all are welcome to attend. This is an open invitation to all alumni from Agawam's "Famous Class of '93."

At presstime, there is no information about the reunion available. However, president Steve Lewis wishes to assure you all that many rumors will be spread about this event, but the actual details will not be revealed until April or May of 1998.

A 24-hour hotline has been set up at (413) 562-9334 if you are interested in more information. Otherwise, the class officers collectively would like to wish you all a happy holiday season.

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Crop Walk Helps Local Open Pantry



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam/West Side Crop Hunger Walk Committee (Vincent Callahan, Treasurer; Rev. Evelyn Lavelli, West Springfield Coordinator; and Bob Broga, Walk Coordinator) recently presented a check for \$2,125 to Jennifer Cummings, Director of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry serves people from West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick in their time of need. The check for \$2,125 represents 25 percent of all monies raised at the fall 1997 Crop Hunger Walk; the balance will go to national disaster areas and other hunger and homeless needs throughout the world. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Presentation On Emily Dickinson Coming To Storowton Village

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum's historic Union Meeting House will be the site of a fascinating first-person presentation titled the "Belle of Amherst, Emily Dickinson" on Friday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Actress Belinda West of Belmont, Mass. will portray Emily Dickinson, the Amherst poet who was born in 1830 and lived in Amherst in seclusion most of her life. Dickinson penned hundreds of poems, however only 10 were published in her lifetime.

Using many of Dickinson's own words, West's January 23rd performance will provide a window into classic American literature as she revives the poems and stories of Dickinson and answers the questions of her 20th century visitors.

West, a native New Englander, received her BA from Dartmouth College and studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She worked as a television news reporter, a writer, and a teacher before she began portraying historical characters in 1990. She also recites Dickinson's poetry most Sunday afternoons at the Colonial Inn in Concord, Massachusetts.

Prepare to travel back in time and meet this famous poet. Admission to the program is \$3 and reservations may be made by calling the Village at 413-787-0136. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Town Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, to allow for provisions to regulate "Personal Wireless Service Facilities and Towers" and to amend the Agawam Zoning Map, Chapter 180, Section B by the creation of a Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District.

The district includes the following properties: N15-1-1, N14-1-1, K3-3-1, H3-1-21, H3-1-24, H3-1-19, H3-1-22, G2-1-1, E2-1-6, F6-1-1, D10-1-6, B14-1-4, B14-1-3, B14-1-5, G7-1-3, G7-1-4, G7-2-6, G6-1-1, H8-1-5, and F6-2-2, G7-3-1, G6-3-6, G7-1-8, H7-2-4, G6-1-7, H7-2-3, G6-1-3, G7-2-2, G6-1-8, G6-1-4, G5-6-1, H7-2-2, F7-2-2, G5-6-2, G5-6-3, G6-3-4, G7-2-3, G6-3-5, H8-1-1, G8-1-14, G7-1-1, G7-1-2, G7-2-1, H5-1-5, H5-1-6, H5-1-1, H6-1-1, H6-1-17, H6-1-18, I4-1-9, I5-1-11, and I5-1-12.

These properties are included by reason of their potential to provide technically feasible and accessible locations for the siting of facilities which can provide adequate wireless telecommunications services to the Town of Agawam. A copy of the proposed zoning amendments and overlay district map can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Rolling Thunder said, "There are certain signs and indications when one meets the right one..."

"That's how I felt when I met Alan Joseph 'CloudWalker' Gagne," stated Nancy "Rainbow Shaer of Feeding Hills. "It is refreshing to meet a Brother that is a truth seeker that respects all life and its interconnectedness. I am grateful to Dances-in-the-Rain (an active environmentalist in the area) for bringing us together. I decided after talking with him that I support what he is doing and am happy to join CloudWalker on this Native path of sharing, to educate others of our Native American heritage."

She continued, "My first involvement with CloudWalker was at a N.A. benefit dinner he hosted on November 15, 1997 at Zenny's restaurant and banquet facility in Mansfield, CT. Participants in the program were impressive, talented, hard-working individuals with a purpose."

The opening prayer, Chief Wise Owl; drumming/singing, Rainbow NSW (Shaer), author of **BILLY FROG ADVENTURES** and most recent project, **S.A.F.E.** (Sobriety Always Favors Everyone) bumper stickers; Marvin "Many Horses" Burnette, who has won many Native dance competitions nationwide; Trudy Ann Parker, author of **AUNT SARAH**; Stan Neptune, traditional wood carver; Kelly Savage, author of **POND DWELLERS**; and Harvey Arden, former senior writer of 23 years for "National Geographic" and author of several books (**WISDOM KEEPERS**, **NOBLE RED MAN**, and **DREAMKEEPERS**).

The closing prayer was by Chief Strong Horse, as well as honored elders who gifted those in attendance with their presence, and others. The program was a huge success, and Alan anticipates that it will be an annual event.

Alan hosts and produces a half-hour, bi-monthly Native American talk show called **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICAN**. It is a wholesome family program with educational value. The show is currently aired on nine TV stations; locally, it can be seen on Channel 14 in the greater Willimantic area on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m., and on Cox Cable in Manchester on Monday nights at 9:00 p.m.

Broadcasting companies in London and Germany are expressing major interest in showing **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICAN** abroad.

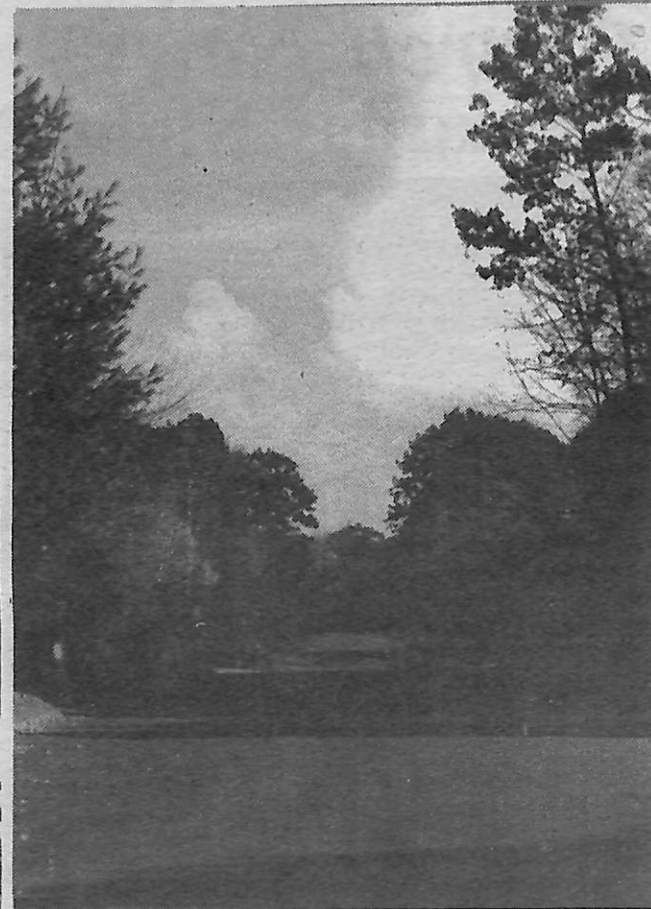
HONORING THE CLOUDS

Photographers, movie people, and magazines all use clouds for background, so Alan decided it was time to honor the clouds. Native people refer to the clouds as the Cloud People.

The Cloud People give us messages through their movement and shapes. Clouds are powerful, a splendor in the sky, and also tell us the weather. Clouds are very important indicators, as well as beautiful skyscapes.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Alan Joseph "CloudWalker" Gagne, host and producer of the television talk show **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICAN**, presents two copies of his video, "CLOUDS ... By Natural Design," to Nancy Fay, assistant director of the Agawam Public Library. IN RIGHT PHOTO: One of the photos on "clouds" that is currently on display at the library.



With the help of Cindy Walker and two of Alan's three children (Brianna, 9, and Jenele, 8), who help narrate, CloudWalker produced his first short video, **CLOUDS ... By Natural Design**, which aired on Channel 5, Cable Community Voice (CVC), in Bolton, CT.

This debut turned out to be the catalyst that started up **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICAN**.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS TO EXHIBIT

In honor of the Cloud People, two copies of his short video, **CLOUDS ... By Natural Design**, were donated to the Agawam Public Library for children and adults. Also, a photo exhibit of clouds will be ongoing at the library for the entire month of January, hosted by Alan "CloudWalker" and Rainbow.

The exhibitors will include Julia Kozikowski of Feeding Hills, Jamelie Shaer of Agawam, Bonnie Anne Toraine of Granville, and Rainbow of Feeding Hills.

It is amazing to see the variety of skyscapes captured on film. Nature is absolutely astounding.

THE NEXT ADVENTURE

CloudWalker will host and produce a cooking show on Native American foods and legends with a live audience on Saturday evening, February

28th, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Wampanoag Country Club, 60 Wampanoag Drive, West Hartford, CT.

Tickets are \$20 per person. The proceeds from this event will be used to defray editing and production costs of **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICANS EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMING**.

Seating is limited, so please make your reservations early. Call **TODAY'S NATIVE AMERICANS** at (860) 769-6864, or fax (860) 726-1052.

According to Rainbow Shaer, "As a Native American of today, I am thrilled and more excited than I have been in a long time that these programs are available. It is a first and monumental sharing opportunity for people to meet Native Americans of today and really get to know them as people and not just performers at a pow wow."

"I hope people will take this rare opportunity to get involved because this is history in the making, an adventure and journey that is the real beginning of healing, learning, and sharing with the people that, up until now, have been pretty much invisible."

"To Alan 'CloudWalker,' in the Cherokee language of my people, 'wado' (thank you) for making this dream a reality. I am honored to be a part of it."

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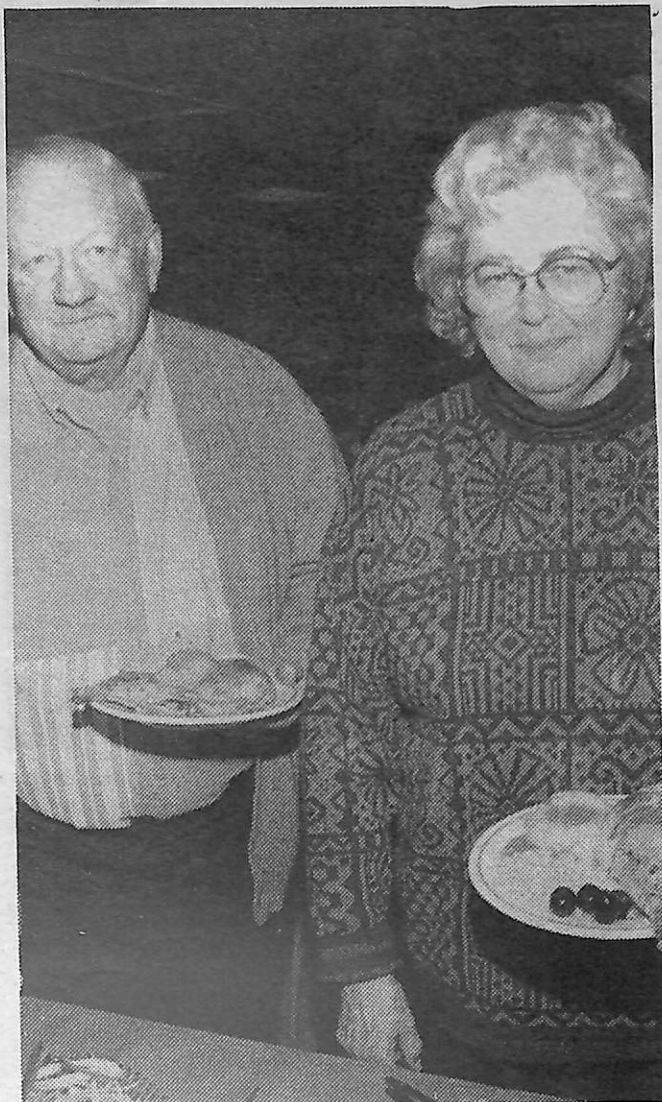
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Church News

Saturday Night Chicken Supper At Valley Community



ATTENDING THE DECEMBER SATURDAY NIGHT Chicken Supper at Valley Community Church were Mike & Margaret Filler; IN THE NEXT TWO PHOTOS, Melody Hill, J. Glenn Hill, Donald Manley, and Kendall Hill were part of the kitchen crew. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

St. John's Over-60 Group Announces Upcoming Events For January

St. John's Over-60 Group has their next trip planned for **February 5th**, a dinner at "Randall's Ordinary" in Stonington, Connecticut, a five-star restaurant which is anything but ordinary. A visit to Stonington Vineyards will be the first stop. Cost for the trip is \$47. If interested, please call Lill at 786-9586 or Barbara at 786-7037.

The Agawam Catholic Singles Club holds meetings every second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining should call Frank at

789-2764 or Kay at 786-8442.

Upcoming Events:

- January 10th:** Boar's Head Festival- here- closed.
- January 10th:** Sock-hop - Sheraton. Call Kathy at 786-5060
- January 14th:** Monthly meeting at St. John's, 7:00 p.m.
- January 17th:** Oldies Dance, Polish Club, 7:00 p.m. Call Denise at 786-7783

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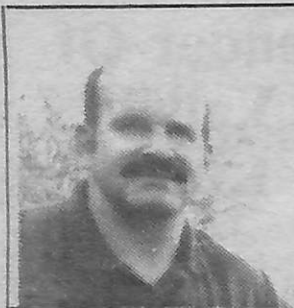
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In The Beginning

In the King James Version of the Bible, the phrase "in the beginning" appears 17 times. This phrase might be a good theme for people to consider, "in the beginning" of a new year.

The first and last times the phrase "in the beginning" appears in the Bible, both passages speak of God creating the world we live in. In several of the other passages, we read of God moving in new and fresh ways in the beginning of a new king's reign. Perhaps we, in the beginning of the new year, might wish to take a moment or more to consider where God is, in our lives. Do we experience God's presence? Are we sure of Him love for us? Wouldn't it be great if God were to move in new and fresh ways in our lives?

"In the beginning" summons ideas of fresh starts. But, like many New Year's resolutions, our fresh starts don't always take on the first try. That's been the story of people, all along. How many times have we started well, only to finish poorly? We're not alone.

Maybe people do not realize that there were actually two sets of tablets upon which the Ten Commandments were written. The first set was destroyed when Moses, in a fit of rage prompted by Israel's apostate behavior, threw the first set of tablets to the ground and smashed them. While Moses was on Mount Sinai, receiving God's instructions on how Israel was to live in relationship with God and each other, the Israelites betrayed God's and Moses' trust and reverted to the religions of Canaan. In the beginning of their new life of faith, the people of God stumbled.

The word "Hebrew" most likely comes from "Apiru," which roughly translated means "nothings." The world thought of the former Egyptian slaves as nothings, and maybe they thought of themselves that way, too. But God saw them differently. The name "Israel" comes from three words: Ish (people), Ra (of), El (God).

What happened at Mount Sinai? In the beginning of their new life of faith, the Israelites didn't fully understand who they were, or what God was calling them to be. The "nothings" were now the people of God! But they still acted, and maybe also thought of themselves, as "nothings." God took it upon Himself to teach His people about who he is and who they are. He summoned Moses back to the top of the mountain to receive another set of the Ten Commandments, and then He sent him to teach Israel His laws.

Although some might think that Israel should have known better, they lacked the proper foundations upon which they could build their lives as the people of God. They needed God's revelation of Himself, and His laws, in order to know who they were and what they should do. Without God's laws, the Israelites were confused.

In the beginning of this new year, we might consider our own need for God, and our need to better understand His will for our lives. Life is no less confusing today than it was in Moses' time. Those who know God best are people who know God's Word well. Not just the New Testament, but the Old Testament, also. "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth."

God's purpose and plan for each of us is to grow in depth of character and integrity, and to experience His presence and love in our lives, in preparation for eternal life. God's will is for us to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives. Who among us wouldn't want more of such grace, for ourselves and our loved ones?

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Operation Friendship Planning Bottle Drive For Jan. 26th-31st

Operation Friendship, a non-profit youth oriented organization, will be holding a can/bottle drive to support this summer's plans. If you can help us out, please save your bottles and cans and we will be happy to pick them up the week of January 26th-31st.

For pick-ups in Feeding Hills, please call 786-0195 or 789-3388. In Agawam, call 786-7898 or 789-2410. Thank you for your support.

Watch for our future events: Oldies Dance, January 17th; Roast Beef Dinner, February 28th; Mystery Dinner, March 28th and April 4th.

Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congo For Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on January 10th.

Servings are from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7.25, children under 12 are \$4, and children under five are free.

Reservations are appreciated. Please call 786-7898 or 789-2410.

Ag. Catholic Women To Meet Jan. 12th At St. John's Church

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will meet in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Monday, January 12th.

The annual Pot Luck Supper, hosted by President Betsy Ciempa and the Executive Board, will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a salad bar, followed by an array of scrumptious foods made by club members.

A Penny Auction will be held after a brief business meeting. Members who wish to may bring one item for auction, according to Barbara Gingras, auctioneer.

Ham & Bean Supper At 1st Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Agawam (corner of Main & Elm Sts.) invites the public to its family-style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, January 10th, with servings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$7, and \$3 for children under 10.

The menu includes baked ham, homemade beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk, and assorted homemade pies for dessert.

For reservations, call 786-8609, 786-8209, or 525-2818. If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel.

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Church News - continued...**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for the first Sunday after Epiphany will be Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Rev. Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "Come Home." The Lector will be Connie Haynes.

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at a designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Don't forget! This Sunday, January 11th, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed.

Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, January 14th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The first meeting of our "Seekers and Joiners" class will take place on Thursday, January 15th, from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in finding out more about or joining this church is invited to attend.

The Board of Christian Education has planned a movie night for Friday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Please come and bring a friend!

Chicken Suppers Continue At Valley Community Church

The "community-famous" chicken supper at Valley Community Church will be held this month on Saturday, January 10th.

The menu will consist of: half a baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage. Also included is your choice from some delectable, enticing desserts.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children.

Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Dot at 786-3031. (Cancellations due to weather can also be verified by calling these numbers.)

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Thank you to all the committees who have submitted their Annual Reports to the office already. The reports will be compiled and available to church members by Sunday, January 25th.

The deadline to turn reports into the office is Monday, January 19th.

The deadline for submissions to next month's church newsletter is Thursday, January 15th. Late submissions cannot be accepted since Elaine will be working on both the newsletter and Annual Reports.

Operation Friendship will serve a Roast Beef Supper here at the church on Saturday, January 10th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu includes roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, vegetable, rolls and butter, and dessert. The cost for adults is \$7.25, and \$4.00 for children under 12 (children under age five may eat for free).

Please call 786-7898 or 789-2410 for reservations.

On the calendar:

Friday, January 9th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, January 10th: 5:00 p.m., OF Supper.

Sunday, January 11th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday.

Monday, January 12th: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, January 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, January 14th: Desserts needed for Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, January 15th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., New members class; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Oldies Dance Jan. 17th At F.H.. Congo For Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is holding its 11th Annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, January 17th.

The dance will be held at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

Music will be provided by D.J. "Dancing Dave" and door prizes will be raffled. Advance tickets are \$6, and \$7 at the door.

For tickets, please call 786-6063 or 786-7898.

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Weekly Calendar Of Events At Valley Community Church

Members and friends of Valley Community Church warmly invite you to join them in worship on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

This week, Pastor Steve Dennehy will take his message from the New Testament book of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Come and learn more about the role John the Baptist had in proclaiming Jesus Christ as the coming Savior.

The children in the church will depart for Children's Church at 10:00 a.m. These children have the opportunity to learn what the adults do, but in a format that they will understand.

Immediately following the worship service, friends and members will meet in Dunn Hall for a brief Coffee and Fellowship time. Members are then urged to stay for the **Annual Church meeting**. This will be a time to review last year's accomplishments as well as elect new Board members and approve the 1998 budget. All church members are encouraged to attend this meeting, for your input is important.

On Monday, January 12th, the new Board of Administration will hold their first meeting of 1998. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in Dunn Hall.

This will be an informal yet informative meeting as formats for the upcoming year are developed. A church Moderator will also be elected at this meeting.

The Junior Choir will meet on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:15 p.m. These young voices eagerly proclaim praises to God with their many songs and are a welcome addition to the Sunday Worship Service.

Cub Scout Troop 78 Den 3 will meet in Dunn Hall on Thursday, January 15th, from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Roast Pork Dinner Slated At Agawam Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, January 10th, at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes roast pork, roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, cole slaw, rolls & butter, and dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended and a few walk-ins will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908 before noon on Friday, January 9th.

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Guest Speaker To Appear At First Baptist This Sunday

Rev. Robert Overstreet, Area Minister of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, will be the guest speaker at this Sunday's (January 11th) worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Assisting him in worship leadership will be Jennifer Lock, who will lead the responsive reading. Greeters for the morning will include Betty & Harry Durant and Janice and Jennifer Lock.

Following morning worship, there will be a time of fellowship in Davis Hall. Classes will be held for all ages until 11:45 a.m.

Nursery care is always available.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, January 12th: 7:30 p.m., The Word Search (Bible Study).

Tuesday, January 13th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle at the home of Dorothy Jenks; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, January 14th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Special business meeting of the Church (Davis Hall).

Thursday, January 15th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Caring connection contacts for the month of January are Janice Lock, tel. 789-6476, and Linda Chicklas, tel. 786-1565.

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New Beginning In '98 Comes From Faith At United Methodist

For everyone at The United Methodist Church, a new journey begins as we greet the 1998 New Year. Needless to say, as we came to the close of 1997, we remembered how zestful we were at its beginning.

We set our goals, we made our promises, and we hoped for the best. Unfortunately, not all persons can boast about completing a well-run race during the 12-month period. Yes, our omissions, errors, and blunders remind us of our faithfulness, weakness, and failures. The question keeps haunting us, 'Can I do it again, and do better?'

1998 gives us the chance for new beginnings. New beginnings, however, are not possible without the inner strength and commitment that the race must be run or that the journey must be undertaken.

The race or the journey varies in nature and kind for everyone. Life, when seen in the context of Christians or God's people, undertakes a journey with God. God gives the desire to begin again.

God gives the spirit to go on even through difficulties. God blesses and supports the faithful as he or she comes to moments or times of difficulty during the struggle.

The United Methodist Church, with its practice of reviewing the covenant with God, stands ready to assist any who want to begin the journey of faith or the journey of life in which we awaken to our potential as children of God and to sense of mission in Christ.

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We have a growing Sunday School and nursery. Bring your children. We shall be pleased to welcome all.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, January 11th, is the First Sunday after Epiphany. Worship continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This week's Sermon given by Rev. Fuller will be "God's Beloved," taken from Text: Luke 3:15-22. His Children's Message will be "A Blessing From God."

The Children's Choir, under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music, will sing before the Children's Message. Rehearsal for the Children's Choir will immediately follow the Worship Service and continue until 12:15 p.m. Children who would like to add their voices to the choir are welcome to attend.

The Catering Committee is planning a Roast Pork Dinner on January 10th at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Reservations close Friday, January 9th, at 12:00 noon.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is jello. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Loaves & Fishes Program will be Monday, January 19th. Anyone wishing to serve at the kitchen in Springfield can meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. They will return to the church by 6:00 p.m.

For more information concerning programs, events, or dinners, call the church office at 786-7111.

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Spotlight On Business

Riverside Recognizes Maintenance Staff



RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK'S Director of Maintenance, Richard Neis, recognizes staff members, from left - Jeff Bissonette (Creativity for November), Arlene Swenor ("Maintenance Person of the Month" for November), and Tom Presner (November Performance Award) for their outstanding contributions in going above and beyond the call of duty. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Pioneer Group Has Free Workshop On Obtaining A Mortgage

The offices of **THE PIONEER GROUP** is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home...What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, January 17th between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up homebuyers, understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees, understanding seller contributions, the difference between a bank and a mortgage company and which one offers the better value, and much more. The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested...their last seminar was filled to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

DENA PETRANGELO

Dena Petrangelo Hired By Woronoco Savings In Marketing Dept.

Dena Petrangelo of Feeding Hills was recently hired as the Marketing Coordinator for Woronoco Savings Bank, announced Cornelius D. Mahoney, President and CEO. Dena works at the bank's main office on Court Street in Westfield.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dena volunteers her time as the National Education Coordinator for Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity, Inc. and as the local alumnae advisor to the fraternity's chapter at the University of Massachusetts. She also writes newsletters and press releases on a volunteer basis for the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Woronoco Savings Bank has 10 branches throughout the Pioneer Valley and is involved in many community projects. For more information on Woronoco Savings Bank and its services, visit its website at www.woronoco.com.

Legal Memo

by
Alan J. Ferrigno, Esq.
546 Springfield St., F.H.
(413) 786-9454



Consumer Protection: Sale Of Used Car

In a recent court decision, a Judge ruled where a defendant auto dealer failed to disclose to a plaintiff used car buyer that the vehicle she was buying had once been in an accident and had frame damage, this amounted to a violation of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 93A, Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection.

This Consumer Protection Act outlaws "unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce" and gives to both consumers and businessmen private rights of action against "persons" who commit such unlawful acts.

Accordingly, when a person uses or employs an unfair or deceptive practice while engaged in the ordinary course of his business, the Attorney General or a victimized consumer can bring proceedings under the Act to enjoin the practice or recover damages or other suitable relief.

The court also found that the defendant also breached the express warranty of merchantability by informing the plaintiff falsely that the vehicle in question had no frame damage and by assuring her that there was nothing wrong with the car.

Express warranties can be either oral or written, and is an affirmation of fact or promise which relates to the goods and becomes part of the basis of the bargain.

Lastly, the court found that the defendant breached the implied warranty of merchantability by selling the plaintiff a vehicle which, with its misaligned headlights and bent frame, was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which a car is used.

Implied warranties arise by operation of law, not by agreement of the parties. The basic purpose of the law of implied warranty is to protect the buyer from bearing the burden of loss where merchandise, though not violating an expressly agreed promise, does not conform to normal commercial standards or meet the buyer's particular purpose.

Having reached such conclusions, the court awarded the plaintiff triple damages exceeding \$21,000 and will further grant her attorney's fees.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

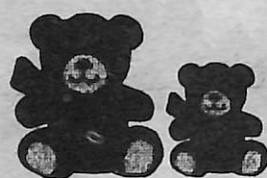
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Westfield Bank Supports Red Cross



WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK Senior Vice President Victor J. Carra (left) is shown with Richard A. Rubin, executive director of the Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross. The bank's \$6,000 contribution will be used to support local Red Cross activities and programs.

Woman's Club Helped By Westfield Bank



"WE ARE WELL AWARE of the many good works performed by the members of the Westfield Woman's Club. With that in mind, Westfield Bank is pleased to contribute \$2,000 towards the club's Restoration Fund," said bank Vice-President and Mortgage Officer Rebecca Ligsukis. Jean Chistolini of the Woman's Club accepted the bank's contribution.



JOHN DIPIETRO

Agawam Native Opens Marketing/PR Agency In Holden, MA

Agawam native John J. DiPietro has announced the opening of Advanced Business Concepts/DiPietro, a full service marketing, advertising, and public relations agency at 672 Main Street in Holden.

The agency will service local, regional, and national clients in the fields of advertising strategies, marketing strategies, advertising creative and media placement.

ABC/D is the only ad agency in Central Massachusetts where the principal has actual hands-on experience in radio, TV, print, and public relations.

DiPietro was formerly an account executive at radio stations WSRS and WTAG for nearly 20 years. In addition, he has served as an account executive at the former WSMW-TV 27, as a sports correspondent at the TELEGRAM AND GAZETTE and was the youngest person in the history of Assumption College to serve as Director of Public Relations and later as the award-winning Director of Alumni Relations.

He is active with the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce and served three years as the Chairman of the renowned Breakfast Club program. DiPietro is a former national president of the Assumption College Alumni Association and is a board member of the Make a Wish Foundation of Central and Western Massachusetts.

DiPietro holds an undergraduate degree from Assumption College and a Master's degree from Anna Maria College. He resides in Holden with his wife, the former Maribeth McCarthy, and daughters, Maria, a senior at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, and Christina, an eighth grader at Mountview School in Holden.

He is the son of Gloria DiPietro of Bridge Street in Agawam and the late John C. DiPietro.

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Trust In The Workplace

I have just returned from several speaking engagements to a wide variety of business, corporate, and professional groups.

Although my topic was "Navigating Change For Wealth and Health," I invariably sensed that people really perked up when I was speaking about the importance of being able to resurrect and build trust between all levels of employees.

With mergers, acquisitions, and just flat out changes in the way "business has been conducted," skepticism and the rumor mill have reared their heads.

Trust is built by genuinely promoting and practicing honest communication, positive news as well as not-so-positive news. This is regardless of the size of your business and enterprise.

Customers can "pick up" on organizations where employees do not trust. From trust come three very important words; honesty, integrity, and loyalty.

Start today to give even more thought to your "TQ" (trust quotient) in your office, branch, division, unit, etc. The mental and physical health of employees seems to improve when trust is truly a mainstay of your organization.

Health is not always measured by a thermometer! It is measured by the level of commitment people have to their career/jobs.

TRUST BUILDS PEOPLE/PEOPLE BUILD YOUR BUSINESS. Write to Dr. Sobel for info on his tape, "BLUEPRINT FOR EXCELLENCE." Dr. Steve Sobel, 1200 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.

New Diabetics Can Benefit From 2-Part Educational Series

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a two-part educational series being conducted in January at Mercy Hospital.

The free programs will take place January 13th and 14th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew St. Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required. For more information, call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician



Feeding Your Baby The Vegetarian Way

Vegetarian eating styles can be nutritionally adequate and healthful for children of all ages. However, infants and young children have high nutritional needs due to their rapid growth and development.

When their diet is appropriately planned, babies can get all the nutrients they need to grow and be healthy within a vegetarian eating style.

The term "vegetarian" means different things to different people. Although most vegetarians avoid all meat, fish, and poultry, individual vegetarian styles can vary. There are three major types of vegetarians:

Lacto-ovo-vegetarians eat milk, cheese, yogurt, and eggs; **lacto-vegetarians** eat milk, cheese, and yogurt, but avoid eggs and foods containing eggs; **vegans** avoid eating all animal products.

A Healthy Start

Although breast milk is best for babies, commercial infant formula is a healthful option for mothers who cannot or choose not to breastfeed. Breast milk or formula provides the majority of calories and protein a baby needs during the first year.

Formula-fed infants raised on vegan diets can use a soy-based infant formula. Also, babies on vegan diets weaned from breastfeeding before one year of age should be fed soy-based formula. Regular soy milk should never be used in place of commercial soy formulas designed for infants. Soy milk does not contain the proper mix of nutrients to be used as the sole source of nourishment for an infant.

Ask your physicians or registered dietitian about supplements for your baby if you are breastfeeding. Breastfed vegan babies may need a vitamin B-12 supplement. And if exposure to sunlight is limited, vitamin D may also be recommended.

First Foods

Offering your baby a wide variety of foods with

different flavors, colors, shapes, and textures helps ensure that your baby's nutrition needs are met. Variety makes mealtime more fun, too! Eating a variety of solid foods gradually helps establish a lifetime of good eating habits.

Most babies are ready to begin eating solid foods at four to six months of age. Start with iron-fortified infant cereal. By six months, babies need an additional source of iron, even those receiving iron-fortified formula. To enhance iron absorption, serve foods high in vitamin C, such as fortified infant juices, at the same meal.

Next, introduce your baby to a variety of fruits and vegetables. They provide vitamin C and beta-carotene, as well as other vitamins and minerals. Offer fruits and vegetables frequently so that your baby becomes familiar with the flavors, setting the stage for lifetime acceptance and enjoyment.

Discovering New Tastes and Textures

Offer other grain foods, including soft, cooked pasta or rice, soft breads, dry cereals, crackers, and teething biscuits as your baby is ready for them. However, go easy on high-fiber foods. Some high-fiber cereals and raw vegetables are low in calories but high in "bulk." Avoid offering large amounts of these foods to infants and young children. They fill up a child's small stomach without providing many nutrients or calories. Infants and young children get enough fiber by eating a variety of foods.

By age seven or eight months, your baby is ready for protein foods, such as yogurt, cottage cheese, tofu, and cooked beans and peas. Beans, such as kidney, pinto, or navy beans, lentils, and split peas can be easily pureed or mashed before feeding. Smooth peanut butter and other smooth nut butters spread on bread or crackers also provide protein for babies over 12 months old.

After one year of age, formula may be replaced with whole milk or fortified soy milk. Because children under two years need fat calories to support their rapid growth and active lifestyle, they should be fed whole milk or fortified soy milk, rather than reduced-fat (2%), low-fat (1%), or non-fat (skim) milk. And some fatty acids are essential for growth. They must be supplied by food because the body cannot make them.

Monitoring your baby's growth is the best way to ensure that your child is getting enough calories and nutrients. Your physician or registered dietitian can provide guidance on appropriate foods for feeding your baby the vegetarian way. Also, a registered dietitian can help create healthful vegetarian meal plans for the whole family.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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Some Changes For 1998...

It's 1998 — a brand new year! A new year brings change. I've always believed change is inherently good ... good for ourselves and everybody we are involved with.

This year brings a new change in my life; in a few weeks, I'm expecting a child. This will be our second, as Jack is now 5½ years-old. Being pregnant again after 5½ years certainly is a change also!

As far as the office goes, my colleague and dear friend, Dr. Lori Ramos, will be filling in for me at the office. Dr. Ramos graduated summa cum laude from Western States Chiropractic College (my school) in 1992. From there, she went to further her education in radiology, where she specializes in reading x-ray films.

Dr. Ramos' style and technique and diagnostic skills are similar to my own. We both believe in treating the whole patient, *listening* to the patient, conducting a thorough examination, and diagnosing the problem accurately.

Treatment usually consists of conservative chiropractic care, including gentle chiropractic manipulative therapy, soft-tissue mobilization, and other modalities (ultrasound, interferential muscle stimulation, spinalator, heat, ice, nutritional information, home exercise program) as needed. If a patient does not respond to care, then a proper referral is made.

I feel very fortunate to have Dr. Lori Ramos, a colleague I respect and trust, fill in for me while I take some time off with the baby. I believe everyone will benefit from the change, including my staff (they get a break from me!), my patients (they also get a break from me!), and myself (my body will get a break from being pregnant!).

If you have any questions regarding any changes, please contact our office or stop by to sign up for a "Guess the Baby Birthdate, Weight, and Sex" raffle.

Hampden County Chiropractic is located at 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Breast Cancer Victims Can Attend 6-Week Course At Mercy

Baystate Medical Center will offer a free six-week program, Caring, Meditation, and Health: A Course for People with Breast Cancer, for six Mondays beginning January 19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the hospital's Comprehensive Breast Center on 3400 Main St.

During the six-week course, taught by Dr. Anthony Varriano, participants will begin to learn the basic technique of insight meditation as a tool for developing moment-to-moment awareness, cultivating concentration and deepening personal understanding and compassion. Classes will help participants to feel a greater sense of relaxation, inner strength, and peace.

In addition to the weekly, two-hour class, participants will be expected to commit to a 45-minute daily practice supported by a cassette provided by the Comprehensive Breast Center.

Before being accepted into the course, a 30-minute pre-course interview is required with the instructor. Interviews will be held on January 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Dr. Varriano received his degree from Albany Medical College and was a clinical fellow in the Department of Medicine at Baystate Medical Center from 1991-1994. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and has been studying and practicing vipassana (insight) meditation for five years. He has taught health education classes in several community settings throughout Western Massachusetts.

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Be Careful On The Slopes...

Skiing this winter? Be careful.

If you're an avid skier like me, you've undoubtedly seen some exciting skiing this winter. You may have also seen some spectacular falls. Perhaps you were involved in one yourself.

Torn ligaments and tendons are a common result. Even broken bones. I recently saw a young male skier knocked unconscious during a particularly bad fall. The earth is very unforgiving.

Stop and consider for a moment what happens to the delicate spine during a bad skiing mishap. The spine is often over-compressed, or over-flexed or extended. An injury on the ski slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While skiing is one of the most exhilarating winter sports there is, no bad fall should be forgotten until after a chiropractic consultation and examination.

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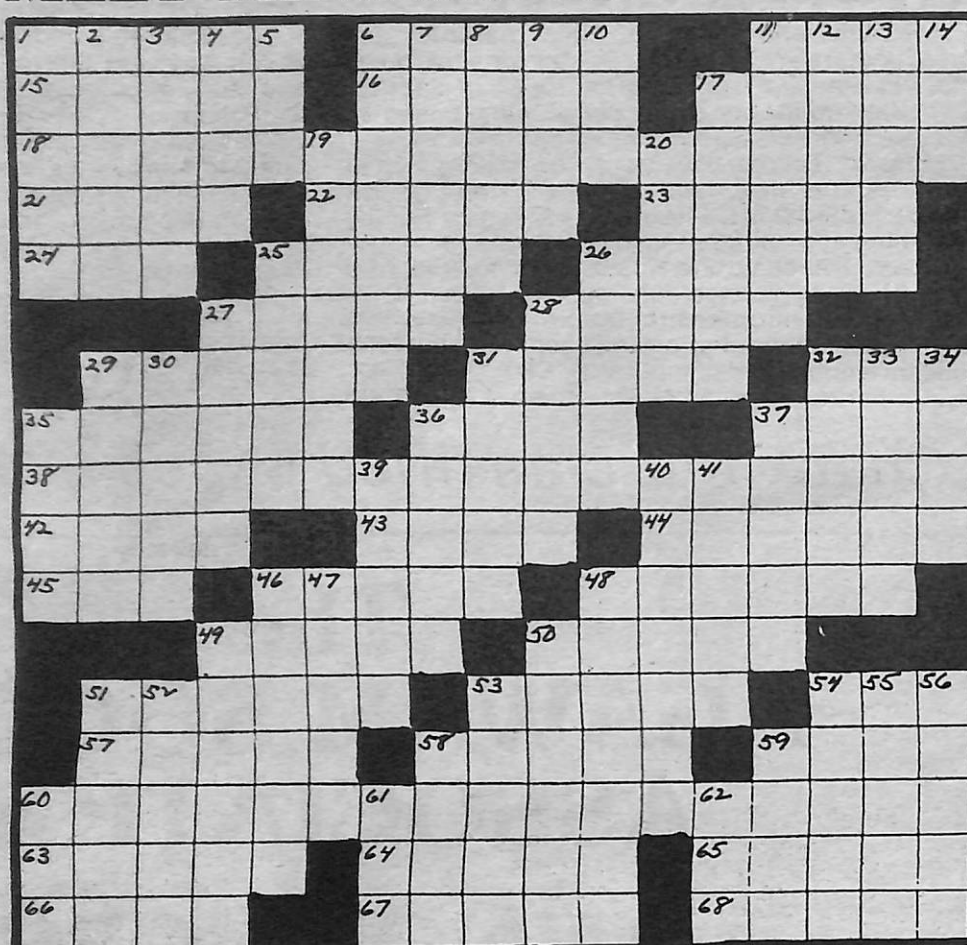


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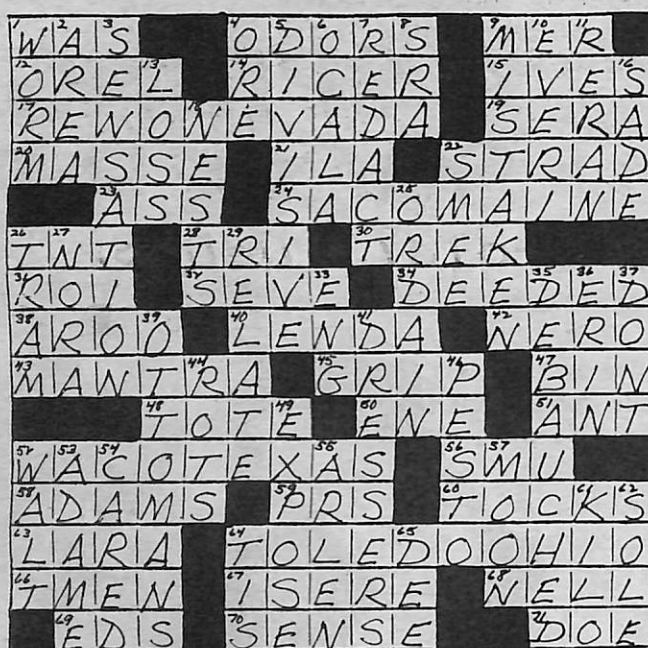
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Last Issue's Solution...



Fabric Painting At Ag. Library For Middle Schoolers & Up

The Agawam Public Library invites all Agawam and Feeding Hills young adults (students in Middle School or older) to attend a fabric painting program on Saturday, January 10th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Bring an old T-shirt, sweatshirt, sneakers, or hat to decorate. Paints and ideas will be provided. TO REGISTER, CALL 789-1550 OR VISIT THE LIBRARY.

For copies of photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

Lordy, Look Who's 40!



Love,
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Westfield Theatre Has One-Act Plays On Jan. 16 & 17

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will host its sixth annual evening of one-acts on January 16th and 17th at 7:30 p.m. This evening will feature three one-acts, all directed by members of the Westfield Theatre Group Board of Directors.

One show to be done, "Actor's Nightmare," is directed by Kathi Palmer. It features Mike Tesini, Shelley Haber, Kim Lynch, Mary Alison Arnold, and Tom LaCourt, a newcomer to the WTG stage. The show describes every actor's greatest nightmare, getting on stage and not knowing his lines, or even which play the performer is doing. This hilarious comedy will bring laughter and tears to anyone who sees the show, and a few moments of panic to anyone who has ever been on stage.

A second show, "Fantasy on an Empty Stage," will be directed by Mary Ann Scognamiglio. This show features Christopher Frank, Monica Locklin, and Bob Martin, along with Adam Bradley Maxfield, Evan Breitung, and Ann Garner. It is the story of an author and his attempts to change the lives of others by "rewriting" their stories in his mind. It is an "eye view" of what the author thinks should happen.

The third show, "Mirrors," is directed by Elisa A. Martin. The show features Ernie and Rose Desroches, Amber Daniels, and Dave Andrew, along with newcomers to the Westfield stage, Alexandra Walters and Shaun Barry. "Mirrors" reflects the author's idea of reality versus non-reality. It tries to answer the questions of what is real and what is not. Can anyone ever answer that question?

All three shows are of a more mature nature, and probably not suitable for young children. The shows will be performed at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors.

Reservations may be made by calling the Westfield Theatre box office at 572-6838.

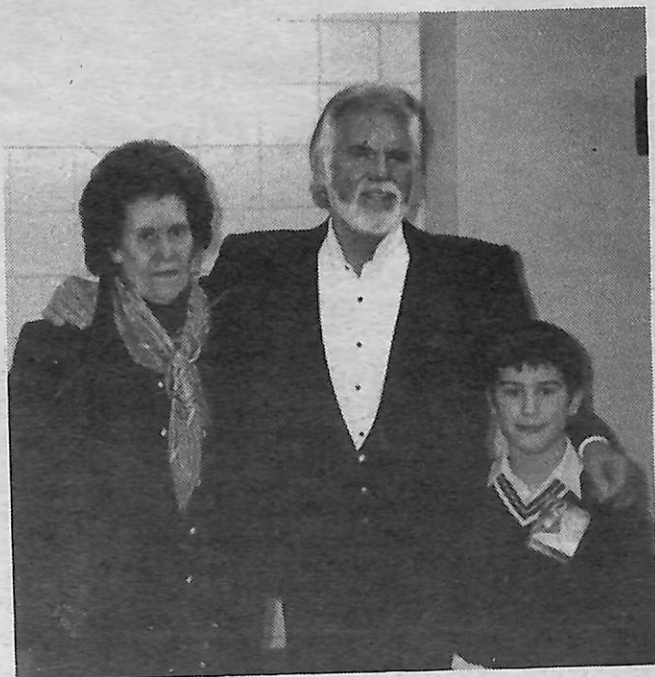
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Happy 13th Birthday, Raya Mutti!



Love, Auntie Laura
(I LOVE YOU MORE!)
XOXOX

Gloria & Kenny Rogers



LOCALLY FAMOUS PERSONALITY
GLORIA DIPIETRO of Bridge Street, Agawam, along with her grandson, Michael, of Suffield, meet with Kenny Rogers prior to his recent show at the Springfield Civic Center. Gloria's favorite son, John, was in town to work with the show and invited his Mom to attend. Rogers commented that he remembered the tray of lasagna she brought him several years ago.

Heart Association Says Following Recipe Is HeartSmart For 1998

The following recipe is recommended by the American Heart Association as part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day, not for each food or recipe.

MEATLOAF WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES

1/4 cup plain dry break crumbs
1/4 cup nonfat milk
Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, or 1 egg
1/2 pound lean ground beef (90 percent lean)
1/2 pound ground skinless chicken breast
1/4 cup finely chopped green onions (2 to 3)
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
1/4 teaspoon ground sage
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 medium potatoes, cut into 1-in. chunks
4 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-in. slices
1 medium onion, cut into 8 wedges
Vegetable oil spray
2 tablespoons barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
In a medium bowl, combine bread crumbs, milk, and egg substitute. Add beef, chicken, green onions, celery, oregano, sage, salt, and pepper. Mix well.

In a shallow baking dish or pan, pat meat mixture into a 7x3x2-inch loaf. Arrange vegetables around loaf. Spray vegetables with vegetable oil spray.

Bake, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring vegetables once. When meat is almost done and vegetables are almost tender, warm sauce.

Pat meat loaf and vegetables with a paper towel to remove any grease. Transfer to a serving plate. Spoon barbecue sauce over meat.

Serves 4.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

377 kcal Calories	31 gm Protein
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414 mg Sodium	6 gm Total Fat
2 gm Saturated Fat	1 gm Polyunsaturated Fat
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American Heart Association Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook, Second Edition,

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5-Week Storytime At Ag. Library Slated For Preschoolers Jan. 12th

Agawam and Feeding Hills parents and preschoolers are invited to register for a five-week storytime series beginning the week of January 12th. Sign up for one series per session, based on age requirements as follows:

Monday: Toddler Playgroup for children aged 18-30 months; Tuesday: Preschool Storytime for children aged 2½-3½ years; Wednesday: Family Storytime for children aged 3½-5, with younger siblings; Thursday: Pre-K Storytime for children aged 3½-5, no younger siblings.

All programs run from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the library at 789-1550.

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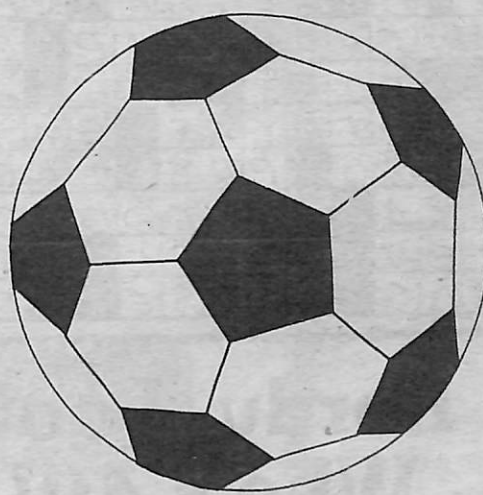
The Children's and Youth Services Department at the Agawam Library has set aside a reading and study area for young adults (students in Middle School or older).

Featured items are new books and the opportunity to borrow board games with a library card, for use in the library. New programming for young adults will begin in January, with a fabric painting event, with plans for inclusion in the Summer Reading Program.

Thanks to all young adults who filled out a programming questionnaire, the staff is working on a year-round series of young adult activities. Programming ideas are always welcome.

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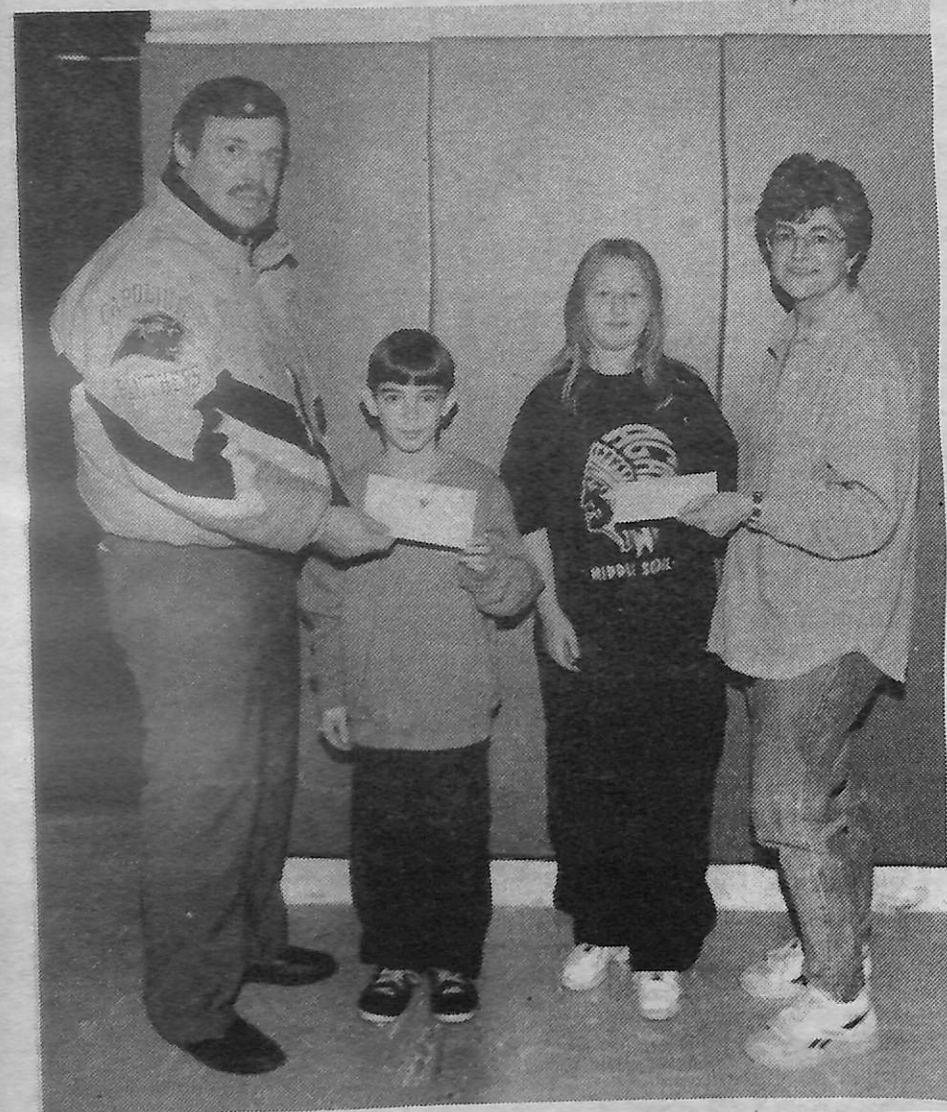
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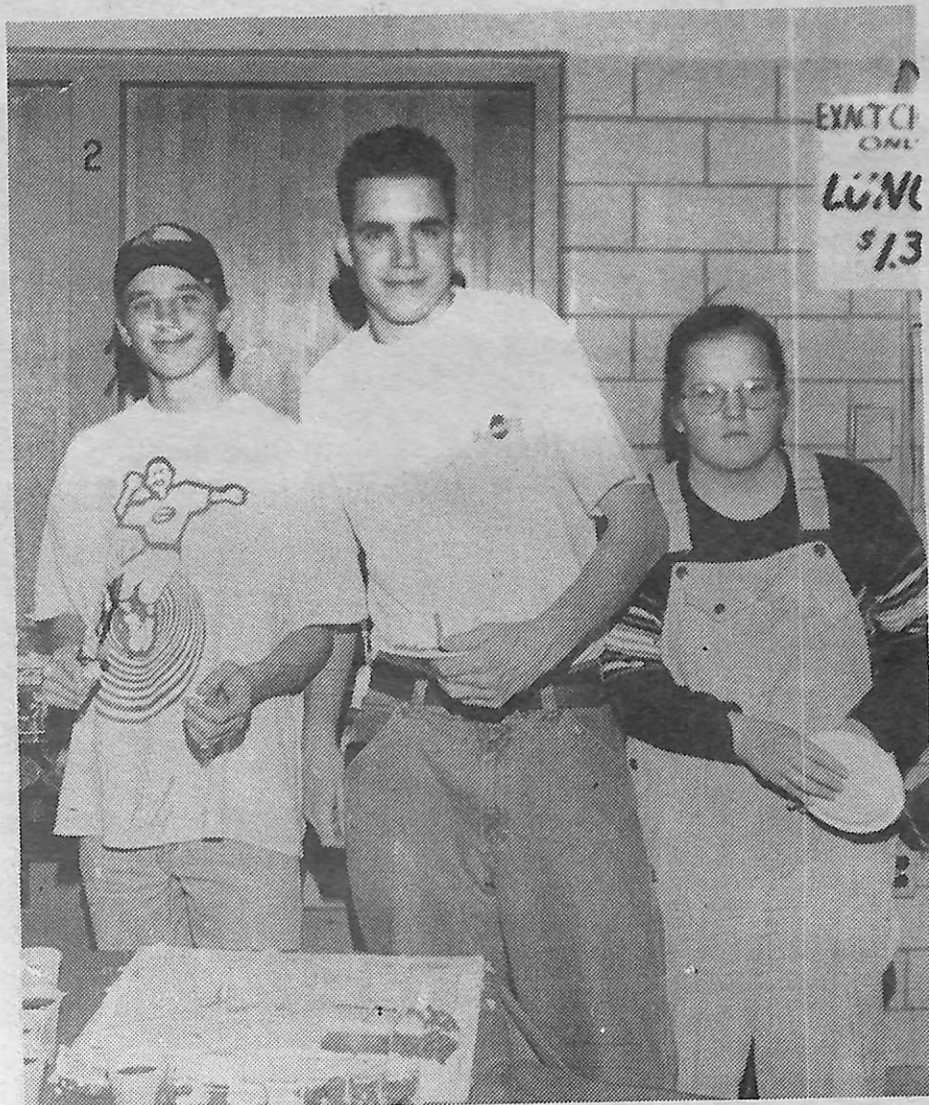
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Renaissance Parties At Agawam High



THE MEMBERS OF THE SUCCESSFUL AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Renaissance Program gathered for a holiday party in the school's cafeteria on Friday, December 12th. Students pictured above enjoying cake were Chris Bellerose, Michael Daigneau, and Melissa Hastings. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

January 14th Is Early Release Day For All Agawam Schools!!!

On Wednesday, January 14th, the Agawam School System will conduct an Early Release Day for students and staff in grades PreK through 12. Kindergarten and Early Childhood classes will not be in session. Also, no school lunches will be served that day.

The approximate dismissal times for individual schools are as follows: Agawam High School, 10:45 a.m.; Agawam Jr. High School, 11:15 a.m.; Agawam Middle School, 11:45 a.m.; James Clark School, 12:15 p.m.; Clifford Granger School, 11:40 a.m.; Benjamin Phelps School, 12:15 p.m.; Robinson Park School, 12:15 p.m.; Early Childhood Center, no sessions.

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AGAWAM HIGH FACULTY MEMBERS Cindy McCormack and Linda Sasso (with blow horn) are pictured at the club's holiday party on Friday, December 12th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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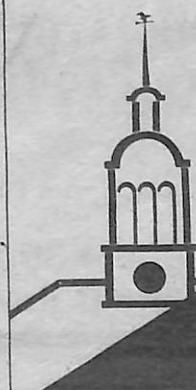
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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 12th: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, January 13th: Rotini with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, diced pears in syrup or strawberry jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday, January 14th: Early Release Day (no lunches served).

Thursday, January 15th: Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, rosy apple-sauce, white cake with chocolate icing, milk.

Friday, January 16th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, seasoned green beans, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Agawam District Learning Team To Meet January 14th

What are you as parents and community members interested in, concerning our community's educational system? The Agawam District Learning Team is looking for your input in working as a team toward a more collaborative and cooperative effort in our schools.

We feel our school system will become stronger if the entire educational community is involved: students, teachers, parents, community members, union representatives, administrators, superintendent, and School Committee members.

Over the past two years, in conjunction with the Regional Educational Alliance, a representative from the Agawam Public Schools and the community have been working on a method to sustain an ongoing process of change to increase student learning. Most recently, we have been addressing the issue of class size.

Please come on Wednesday, January 14th, at 7:00 p.m. to the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria to find out how you can help plot the direction our school system is moving in. Learn about all the exciting possibilities for progress that exist in a trusting, organized environment.

The Agawam District Learning Team *really* wants you and your ideas, so please come to the meeting!

STCC Evening School At Agawam High Starting Jan. 27th

Registration will begin January 12th at the Springfield Technical Community College campus for spring semester STCC evening courses to be held at Agawam High School.

Registration will be offered at the High School only on the first evening of classes, pending seat availability. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 27th.

A selection of STCC's most popular courses will again be offered in Agawam for the convenience of area residents. Credit courses are scheduled from 6:15-9:15 p.m. or 6:00-9:45 p.m., depending on the number of credits. The semester ends May 12th.

Credit courses are offered on Tuesday evenings and include Accounting 1, Microcomputer Applications for Windows, Visual Basic 1, Elementary Spanish 2, and Survey of Early U.S. History.

Registration at the STCC campus is available in person, or by phone, by mail, or by fax. Registration hours starting January 12th are Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Starting January 20th, registration hours will be Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Payment may be made by check, VISA, Discover, or MasterCard.

Registration at Agawam High School will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27th. Textbooks will be available for purchase at the first meeting of each class. For further information, call STCC Continuing Education at 781-1315.

Daryl St. Laurent Has Been Accepted To MIT In Cambridge

Daryl St. Laurent, an Agawam High School senior, has recently been accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MIT is a coed university that was founded in 1861 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Well-known for its scientific research, MIT "stresses science and engineering studies with a concern for human values and social goals."

Daryl has been admitted under their Early Action program and will make a final decision in the spring.

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AHS's Calendar Of Events For January

January 9th-10: AHS Model Congress Club at A.I.C.

January 14th: Early Release Day (dismissal at 10:45 a.m.).

January 15th: AHS School Improvement Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.

January 17th: Junior Class trip to Mt. Snow.

January 19th: Marching Mohawks' auction at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 6:00 p.m.

January 21st: Math Club meeting.

January 29th-30th: Drama production of "Fame"; Mid-Year Exams.

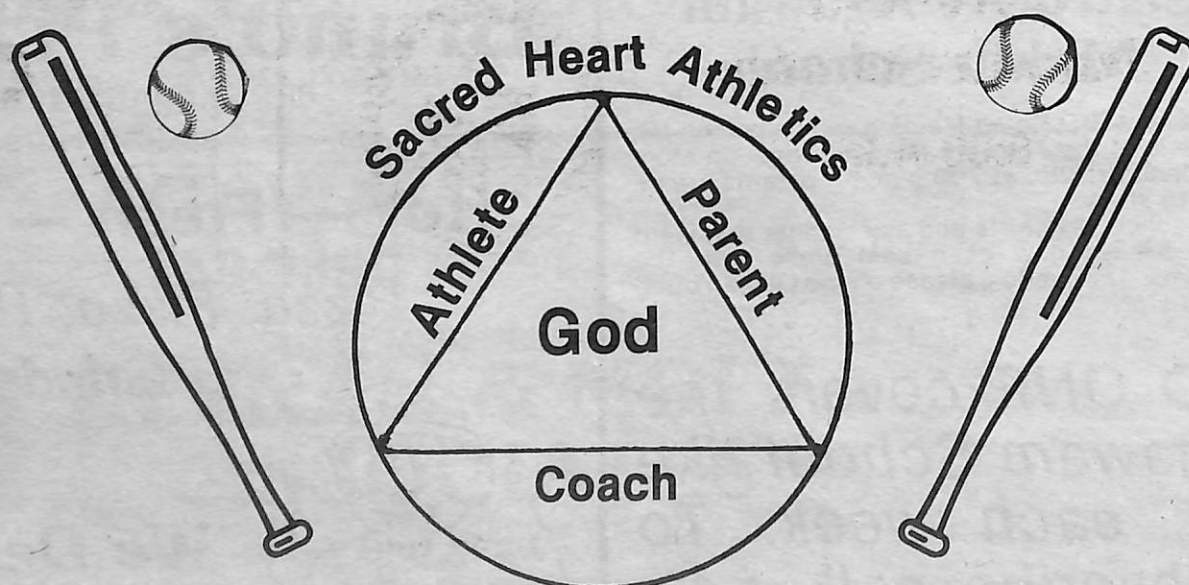
Sacred Heart Athletic Association Baseball & Softball Final Sign-ups

**Saturday, January 17th
Sunday, January 18th**

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Agawam Adult Education For The Winter 1998 Semester

Registration for winter evening courses at Agawam High School will be held during the first week of classes on Monday, January 12th, and Wednesday, January 14th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the AHS Guidance Office.

Winter classes will begin on Monday, January 12th, and run for 10 weeks. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The class schedule goes as follows:

Mondays — January 12th, 26th; February 2nd, 9th, 23rd; March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

Tuesdays — January 13th, 20th, 27th; February 3rd, 10th, 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.

Wednesdays — January 14th, 21st, 28th; February 4th, 11th, 25th; March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

There will be no classes on Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and Monday, February 16th, Tuesday, February 17th, and Wednesday, February 18th (mid-winter vacation).

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSING: If Agawam schools are closed because of inclement weather, evening school is also canceled. Local radio stations will also announce any cancellations. Make-up days for inclement weather will be scheduled during the term.

The tuition charge is \$70 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

MONDAY CLASSES: English 11, English 12, General Science, World History, Algebra II, Geometry, EXCEL, Algebra I.

TUESDAY CLASS: Microsoft WORD II.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES: English 9, English 10, U.S. History, Chemistry, General Math, Computer Concepts, Microsoft WORD I, Oil Painting.

For further information, contact Paul C. Cavallo, Director of the Agawam Adult Education Program, at 821-0522 or 821-0527.

Financial Aid Info & Resources Available At Rep. Keenan's Office

Financial aid information for college-bound students and their families is available at State Rep. Dan Keenan's district office. Resources and information that may be obtained include a Financial Aid Packet from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), the 1997-1998 Admissions and Financial Aid at Independent Colleges in Massachusetts Handbook, and the New England Regional Student Program guide.

Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office, 786-4545, to obtain copies of the financial aid resources. Anyone with questions regarding the financial aid process may call MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

PTO Board Meeting Slated At Agawam Middle School

The next PTO Board Meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Agawam Middle School on Monday, January 12th, at 7:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

All school tee-shirts and sweatshirts that were ordered have now been sent home with the students. Any queries, please phone Leslie Young at 786-3785.

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Perry Lane Nursery To Hold Sign-Ups On Thursday, Jan. 29th

Registration for Perry Lane Nursery will be held on Thursday, January 29th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Recreation Office (snow date: Monday, February 2nd).

Children who are three years-old by September 30, 1998 are eligible for the two-day per week session. Children who are four years-old by September 30, 1998 are eligible for a three-day per week session.

The tuition for the three-day per week session is \$540 payable in installments of \$60 each. The tuition for the three-day per week session is \$675 payable in installments of \$75 each. The first installment is due at registration. A monthly snack fee (payable in cash) is also charged; \$3 per month for the two-day a week program and \$4 per month for the three-day per week program.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 821-0514.

If you wish to visit the Nursery School before registration, Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the school (snow date: Monday, January 26th).

St. Mary's High Offers Placement Test For September 1998

St. Mary's High School in Westfield will be offering a placement test for eighth grade students who are considering enrolling in September of 1998.

The test will be held at the school, located at 27 Bartlett Street in Westfield, on Saturday, January 10th at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 noon. Snow date is January 17th.

According to Principal Mrs. Concetta Lane, these test scores are considered, along with the student's eighth grade academic performance, in determining each student's freshman schedule.

Registration for the test is required, and a \$15 fee will be charged. Parents and guardians of prospective students are encouraged to call the school at 568-5692 for further information or to register. Prospective students are also invited to spend a day as part of St. Mary's High School's "Freshman for a Day" program.

Info Meeting Being Held For Those Interested In St. Thomas School

For families interested in learning more about St. Thomas School, 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, both the full-day kindergarten and other grades as well, there will be an informational meeting for parents on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Women's Club Room of the school.

Tours will be conducted at that time. Registration for kindergarten at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield, for the fall of 1998, will be held as follows: Tuesday, Jan. 20th,

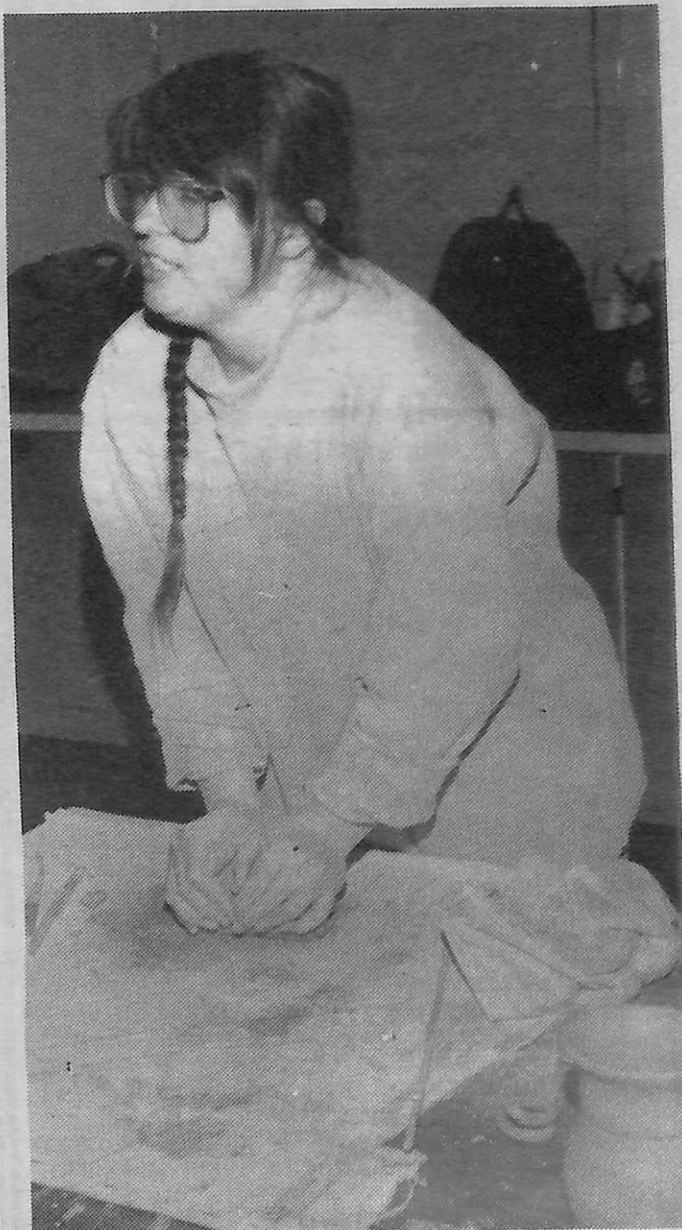
for siblings of children already in the school; Wednesday, Jan. 21st for St. Thomas parishioners; Thursday, Jan. 22nd, for all other interested families.

Registration takes place from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and parents must provide child's social security number as well as a copy of the birth and baptismal certificates to be retained by the school.

Children must be five years of age according to the requirement of the city or town in which they reside.

JACK DEVINE needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. If Jack is out, please a message. Call 789-0053.

Jr. High Guest Speaker



EVELYN SNYDER from Easthampton brought her Kaleidoscope pottery to students of Deb Florek and Andrew Kraus at the Agawam Junior High School on Monday, December 15th. The event was sponsored by the school's PTO. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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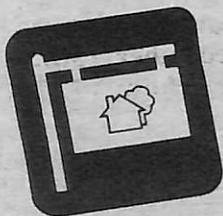


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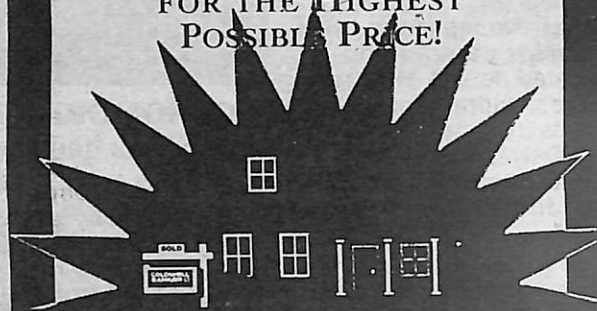


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Sports

High School Wrestling In Lowell...

Brownie Wrestlers Dominate The Competition In Quad Meet

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It's no secret that the Agawam High wrestling team travels around the state looking for the best competition available. It was no different last Saturday, as AHS finished off its Christmas break in Lowell at the Lowell quad meet.

There, they faced three of the best teams in Massachusetts — Lowell, St. John's Prep, and Durfee. Once again, the Brownies were up to the challenge, with victories over the host (38-30), St. John's (46-17), and Durfee (44-33). For Brownie Coach Phil Tomkiel, it was another test of his program. He felt the kids again let folks know why they are continually one of the class wrestling acts in the Bay State. The locals went to 4-1 after the three victories.

The 103's saw sophomore **Dave Moore** pin his way through his final three contests. Moore, as gritty as they come, wrestles with single-minded determination. He has nine pinfalls in 11 matches so far this season.

Kevin Suffriti had an interesting, if tough, go of it in the 112's. He won his first match, 14-1. In the process, he got one of his front teeth knocked halfway out. He pinned his next opponent. His final match saw him get pinned by a kid from Lowell.

During the action, he also had the tooth knocked back into place. Tomkiel joked with the obviously dejected senior later, telling him that something good came out of his final match (with the tooth being back in place).

Kevin McKay went for the Brownies in the 119's. Uncharacteristically, the senior captain and All-Western Mass champion tasted defeat. He had no trouble in his first two battles, winning each on a pin. He lost 6-2 in the finals to a wrestler from Lowell. "It wasn't that Kevin wrestled poorly, but the kid (from Lowell) had a lot of good countering moves which made the difference," Tomkiel noted.

It was a frustrating day for **Brian Chechile** in the 125's. He was pinned in his first match. In his second match, he was leading 7-5 in the second three minutes when a mistake cost him with another pin. He was also pinned in his third match. "We'll continue to work on the strategic aspect of his game," the coach said.

Chris Wayte continues to impress in the 130's. "This is his first year wrestling for us," Tomkiel noted. The junior won his first match (10-2), got pinned, then pinned his opponent from Lowell.



SOPHOMORE WRESTLER DAVE MOORE is having a good season for the Agawam High wrestling team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ryan Grealis wrestled at 135 for Agawam. He lost 8-4 in his first match and 16-3 in his second contest. He got a pin over his Lowell opponent in his final match of the day.

Kevin Hill won his first match, 11-7, then pinned his next two foes to take the 140's.

Junior **Mark Engleman** was wrestling well in the 145-pound class. He had a 9-5 win and a pin under his belt. However, his third and final battle of the day saw him lose in a pinfall to a Lowell wrestler.

A Pivotal Match At 152...

Adam Blair was involved in a pivotal match at

152. The junior had won his first contest, 13-6, and lost his second match. At that point, Lowell was leading the Brownies, 22-21. So, a Blair loss would have hurt the Brownies' chances for an overall title. Blair came through with a 13-3 victory over the Lowell 152-pounder and set the stage for the rest of the meet.

Lee Kunkle got through on three straight pins to take the 160's. The senior has been having great success as of late. In Agawam's last two tournaments, he has recorded six straight pins.

The 171's saw **John Weinle** step into the circle for the Brownies. He lost his first match, won on a pinfall in his second, and won on a forfeit in his third when Lowell, in a strategy move, tried to move some wrestlers up and down in the order and wasn't able to provide an opponent for the Agawam junior.

Justin Petrangelo wrestled in the 189's. He saw three pinfalls. Unfortunately, two were against him after he'd won his opening match with a pin.

A favorite of the faithful, senior **Darrell Malachowski**, went in the 215's. The big redhead took out his first two foes on pinfalls. He won his final match, 2-1, against another wrestler from Lowell. "We could still have been in a little trouble if Darrell had gotten pinned in that match. But that doesn't happen very often to him," Tomkiel smiled.

The heavyweight division saw the Brownies' **Asbel Nunez** lose his three battles. Nunez may have a lot of work to do on his game, but he never quits.

Tomkiel Sums Up The Lowell Meet...

The coach took an opportunity later on to sum up the pleasing day: "Wrestling at Lowell is their signature sport. They do it up right. They have a gym twice the size of ours and they can lay down six mats. In my 24 years at Agawam, they must have won at least 10 state championships. Durfee and St. John's are powers, too."

The set-up of the tournament is one of continual motion, starting at 10:00 in the morning with matches everywhere. Once you have finished one, you are quickly on to another.

"The format really shows how fit a team is. There is a lot of pressure both mentally and physically on everyone who wrestles in it," Tomkiel said. Then he added, "It's also a good way to gauge teams you will probably meet in the States and All-States."

Girls' Basketball Action...

Brownies Outpace Pacers By The Score Of 44-20 At Kibbe Gym

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' basketball team hardly broke a sweat Tuesday night as they hosted Chicopee at Kibbe Gym. The Brownies (5-0) easily beat the Pacers, 44-20. And it wasn't even that close. "We got on top early. They got down. Pretty soon it was like practice," Brownie Coach Lou Conte said, trying to put some kind of positive spin on the game.

Both teams started out in man defenses and half-court offenses. From the get-go, it was evident that the Brownies had too many horses at both ends of the court. Agawam was doubling on the ball whenever it got the chance. And, they were clearing the glass like Windex.

Barbara Maloni (14 points) was all over the offensive boards early on (with five after only 2:10 had vanished from the clock). Agawam would have 18 total rebounds in the first half, 10 of which were of the offensive variety.

The Brownies were also using their quickness to disrupt any offense the Pacers tried to conjure up. In the first half, Agawam would force 13 Chicopee turnovers and get 10 points off of them.

Part of the Brownie good fortune had to do with the defensive efforts turned in by Kaitie Shannon, Shauna Hadden, Melissa Cote, and Kristen Patterson. They were in the Pacers' shirts at every opportunity, making life miserable for the visitors.

Chicopee got its first field goal with 5:50 gone in the game to make it 14-2. Even at that early point, many of the folks on hand were well aware this one had already found its way into the record books.

Agawam was 6-6 from the line with 4:25 left in the half. Chicopee would not have a free throw opportunity in the entire game.

The half would see the Brownies up, 29-4, on 11-32 from the field and 7-10 from the line. Chicopee went 2-14 from the floor.

Brownies Loosen The Thumbscrews...

Agawam did loosen the thumbscrews a bit in the second half. "No, we were not trying to run it up," Conte said. "We tried to work on our halfcourt game, which can always use help."

Maybe the coach had a point. Chicopee actually outscored the Brownies in the second 15 minutes, 16-15. But they were so far in the hole, even down must have looked up to them. It was 33-8 with a little over three minutes gone. Pia Bertone-Gross, along with Hadden and Cote, were dominating underneath.

With 5:45 to play, Cote hit Patterson with a nice pass, and Patterson broke into the lane to further pummel the Pacers. The score stood at 40-14 with

3:22 left. But the Pacers actually were outshooting the Brownies, 5-8 to 4-13. But Agawam was 4-5 from the line. Nothing was enough for Chicopee on this night, as they felt the power of one of the top teams, if not the top team, in Western Mass.

BROWNIE INDIVIDUAL STATS:

Maloni — 14 points, 4-14 fgs, 6-6 fts, six off rebounds; Bertone-Gross — eight points, 4-5 fgs, two def rebounds; Benton — five points, 2-2 fgs including a three, one off reb, two off rebs; Cote — four points, 1-6 fgs, 2-2 fts, six rebs, three off, three def; Tierney — four points, 2-2 fgs, three rebs, one off, two def; Patterson — three points, 1-6 fgs, 1-4 fts, two def rebounds; Conte — two points, 1-5 fgs; Hadden — two points, 1-1 fgs; Shannon — two points, 0-2 fgs, 2-2 fts, one def rebound; Bucalo — two points, 0-1 fgs, 2-2 fts.

BROWNIE TEAM STATS:

Fgm 16 - fga 48 (33 percent), fta 11 - ftm 16 (68 percent), 2's 14, points given up on 2's - 4; rebounds — 24 total, 13 def, 11 off.

CHICOPEE TEAM STATS:

Fgm 10 - fga 26 (38 percent), fts att 0, ftsm 0; rebounds — 14, 11 def, seven off; turnovers — 24; points given up off 2's - 14.

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Brownie Hoop Lose Ugly To Give Comp First Win Of The Year, 62-57

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"We did not shoot well. We did not play defense. We did not rebound. We didn't have much offense. Other than that, we had a good game."

Those were the frustrated words of Agawam High boys' basketball Coach Gary Grumoli after he had just witnessed his Brownies take a 62-57 trimming at the hands of Chicopee Comp Tuesday night at Kibbe Gym. "We just didn't come to play," the coach said, shaking his head. "I told them at the half, they had better wake up," he added.

The Brownies never really got the wake-up call. Even though they led at the break, 27-23, it was obvious they were a disaster waiting to happen.

Size-wise, both teams matched up well. Their speed was equal. Offensive and defensive matchups were pretty much equal as well. The Colts simply wanted this one more than the Brownies. Senior Bryan O'Quinn (14 points, three 3's) opened the scoring for Agawam with a trey at the 14:30 mark. Comp would answer with a two a minute later.

Both clubs were pressing and working a scrambling man-to-man defense. With 3:50 gone, Agawam was 1-5 from the field. Comp was 1-13. It was obvious they weren't shy in putting up the rock. Agawam also had four early turnovers, which showed the players weren't protecting it.

It was run-and-gun without much offensive setup on the part of both clubs. Neither team seemed interested in setting up a halfcourt game, either. Comp led 12-6 with 7:43 left. However, Jeff Lyman (four points) and Jay Hanscom (19 points) brought the Brownies to within two, 12-10, with 6:53 to go.

With 5:22 left, Agawam was 4-17 from the field. The Colts, gunning away, were 7-25. An Eric Melbourne (eight points) offensive rebound and lay-in made it 14-12, Comp, at the 5:00 mark. Two

Hanscom free throws tied it at 14-all 30 seconds later. Then the clubs traded hoops with O'Quinn and Matt Albano draining two-pointers to tie it at 16 and 18.

Comp Was Tough To Handle...

Agawam was in a tough man defense at the time, led by Hanscom and O'Quinn. But Comp was tough to handle. They went up 21-20 with 1:30 to go. O'Quinn drained his second three at 1:15 to make it 23-21, Agawam. Comp's Louis Villalongo (20 points) drained two from the strip to tie it at 23-all with 1:07 left. Hanscom, one of the few Brownies to play consistently well in the game, stole the ball and laid it in with 40 seconds left, giving Agawam a 25-23 lead.

Then, Hanscom took a full-court pass on an in-bound play after a Comp turnover and caressed another lay-up into the hole with three seconds on the clock. That gave Agawam a 27-23 half-time lead.

"We should have put that team away in the first half," Grumoli said. "We didn't and that gave them enough confidence to feel they could play with us."

Neither team changed their offensive or defensive philosophies in the second 16 minutes. It was run, gun, and press whenever possible. At 11:59, Agawam had a slim 31-30 lead. But they couldn't shake the Colts, who were (as Grumoli had feared) indeed playing with confidence. At the 9:59 mark, Agawam was up by 37-36, Hanscom, the only Brownie still playing up to par, had six of their eight second-half points.

A Melbourne drive at 9:50 saw Agawam take a 39-36 lead. But the pesky Colts wouldn't go away, scoring two off an Agawam turnover. Agawam would have 17 on the evening. Comp scored eight points off them.

The Roof Began To Cave In On AHS...

The roof began to cave in on the Brownies with

7:40 to go. A Villalongo deuce gave the Colts the lead, 40-39. Another Comp deuce, 30 seconds later, gave Comp a 42-39 cushion. At that point, Agawam was 5-13 from the floor. Comp was 9-12.

Comp went up 50-43 with 4:40 left on another Brownie turnover. A Hanscom lay-up saw Agawam down 50-45. But the Colts, sensing a win, had the shooting eye. Two quick hoops gave them a 54-45 lead. Two free throws by Bob Pluta (12 points) stretched the lead to 56-45.

O'Quinn, the Brownie captain, tried to lead his club back with a deuce and a trey (his third). Hanscom hit a three with 55 seconds left. Just like that, the Brownies were only down by three, 58-55. Comp basically put it away on a deuce with 15 seconds left on the clock. Albano would drain one with 11 seconds to go. Two foul shots with two seconds left settled the issue and gave the underdog Colts their hard-fought, 62-57 victory.

Agawam fell to 2-3. Comp, 1-5, got its first win of the season. It was a non-league game.

BROWNIE INDIVIDUAL STATS:

Hanscom — 19 points, 8-13 fgs, plus one 3, 2-4 fts; O'Quinn — 14 points, 5-7 fgs, including three 3's, 1-2 fts, two def reb; Melbourne — eight points, 4-5 fgs, one off reb, two def reb; Anderson — four points, 1-2 fgs, 2-2 fts; Pedraza — four points, 2-7 fgs, three rebs, two off, one def; Albano — four points, 2-5, five rebs, two def, three off; Lyman — four points, 2-12, five rebs, three def, two off.

BROWNIE TEAM STATS:

Fgs — 24-54 (44 percent) plus four 3's; fts — 5-8 (62 percent); rebounds — 24, 16 def, eight off; turnovers — 17; points allowed off 2's — eight.

COMP GAME STATS:

Fgs — 28-61 (45 percent); fts — 6-14 (42 percent); rebounds — 26, 19 def, seven off; turnovers — 10; points allowed off 2's — two.

Parks & Rec. To Co-Sponsor Activities At Games & Lanes

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that it will once again co-sponsor the following activities with Games and Lanes this winter:

ADULT & CHILD BOWLING: Children ages 5-12 and adults will meet on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of fun. The eight-week program will begin January 12th at Games and Lanes. Fee: \$8 per week (includes two games and shoe rentals for adult and child).

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Registration will be accepted at Games and Lanes the first day of the program. For more information, call Games and Lanes at 789-3273.

AHS Ski Meets Postponed!!!

The Agawam High boys' and girls' ski meet at Berkshire East scheduled for Tuesday was postponed because of the warm weather.

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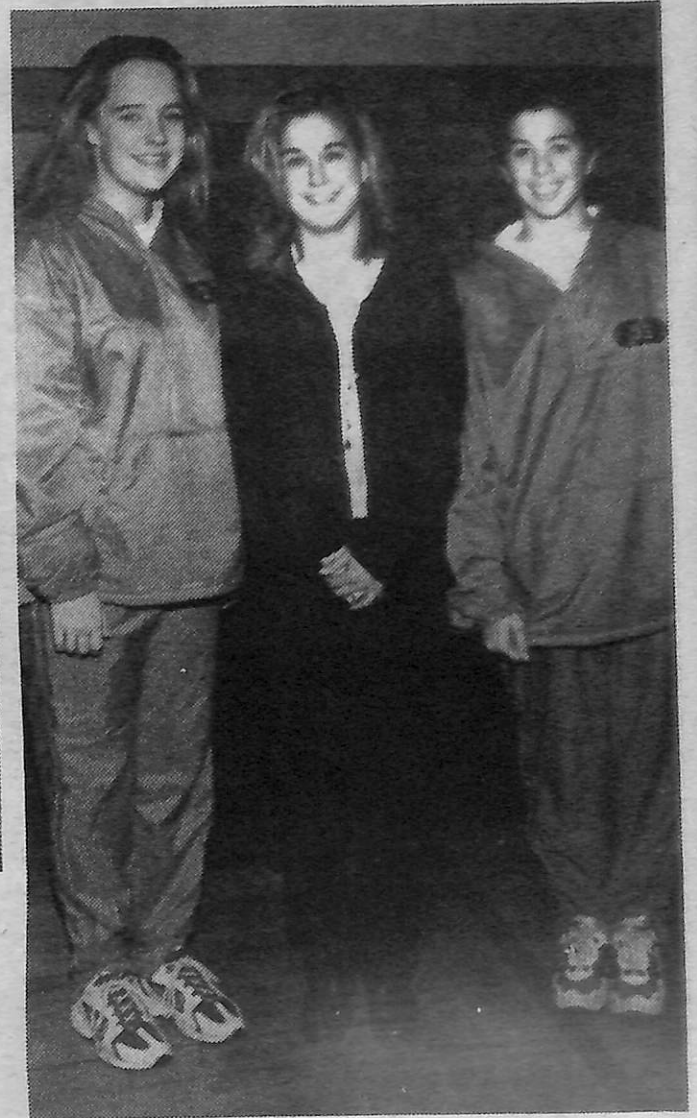


Agawam High Girls' Swim Team 1997-98



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE 1997-1998 Agawam High girls' swim team. Back row, from left - Alicyn Siano, Sarah Nacewicz, Shaunessy Egan, Danielle DeForge, Sarah Bates, Rachel Morris, Amanda Tilden, Shannon Costa, Brenna McGinn, Rebecca Morytko, and Coach Kim Scofield. Front row - Hilary King, Lisa Nacewicz, Darcy Bates, Lauren Kunkler, Kelly Robinson, Melissa Sparveri, and Katie Gallagher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM HIGH SWIM Coach Kim Scofield and her 1997-1998 team captains, Brenna McGinn and Danielle DeForge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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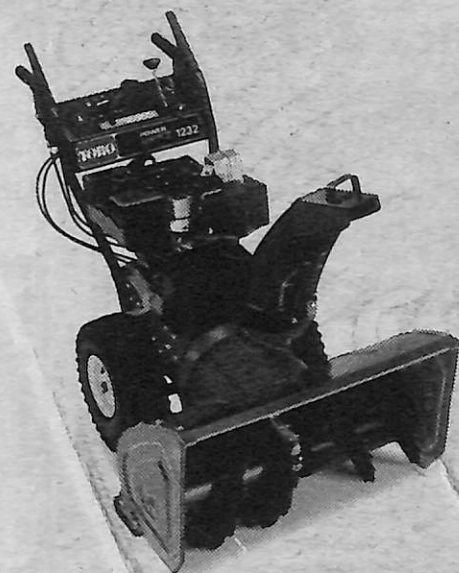
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Brownie Girls Still Looking For Consistency In Water

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' swim teams traveled to Chicopee Comp on Tuesday afternoon. Both clubs came away with a loss. On the girls' side, it was 117-53. While the girls didn't manage a first place, they swam well. Shaunessy Egan, Shannon Costa, Rachel Morris, and Brenna McGinn placed third in the medley relay with a time of 2:19:96. "All of them swam well. Brenna (McGinn) is a good anchor for that event," Coach Kim Scofield noted.

Senior Kelly Robinson was third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:32:56. "That was a good time for Kelly. She is focusing well on what she had to do," the coach commented.

Morris took a fourth in the 200 IM, with a time of 2:54:27.

In the 50 freestyle (the drag race of swimming), Melissa Sparveri came in fourth at 31:06. Her teammate, Lauren Kunkle, was just behind with a 32:54. The coach was pleased with the performance of both swimmers.

Egan took a second in the fly with a 2:13:93. "Shaunessy is a fly expert and is usually in the top three," Scofield said.

Shannon Costa, who worked a lot in the meet, came in third in the 100 free with a time of 1:02:50.

Costa was also in the 500 free, taking second with a time of 6:07:03.

The 200 relay saw the team of McGinn, Robinson, Kunkler, and Costa post their best time of the year, 2:05:27, to take second. It was the first time Costa competed in this event.

Egan had a nice swim in the 100 back, finishing second in a time of 1:16:27.

Deforge took a third in the breast with a 1:25:73. In the 400 relay, the team of Sparveri, Rebecca Morytko, Morris, and Egan finished second with a time of 4:42:02.

The coach looked upon the meet as a continuation of her team's improvement. "We are growing competitively," she said. She pointed out that Robinson and Morytko swam especially well. They host Turners Falls on Friday afternoon.

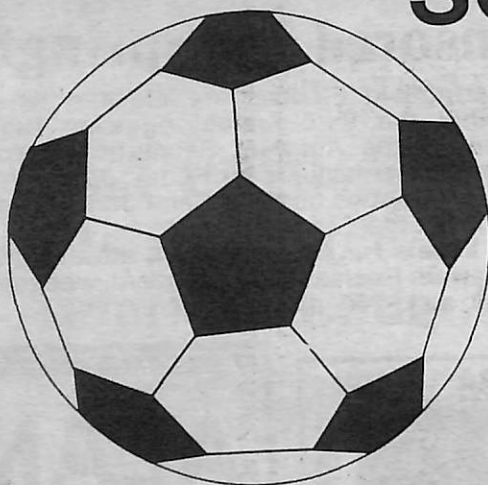
The boys, only four strong, fell to Comp, 92-26. Nat Adamski had a first in the 200 with a time of 2:16:90. Charlie Roberts won the 50 free at 26:17.



DANIELLE DEFORGE is one of the Agawam High swim team's captains for the 1997-1998 season. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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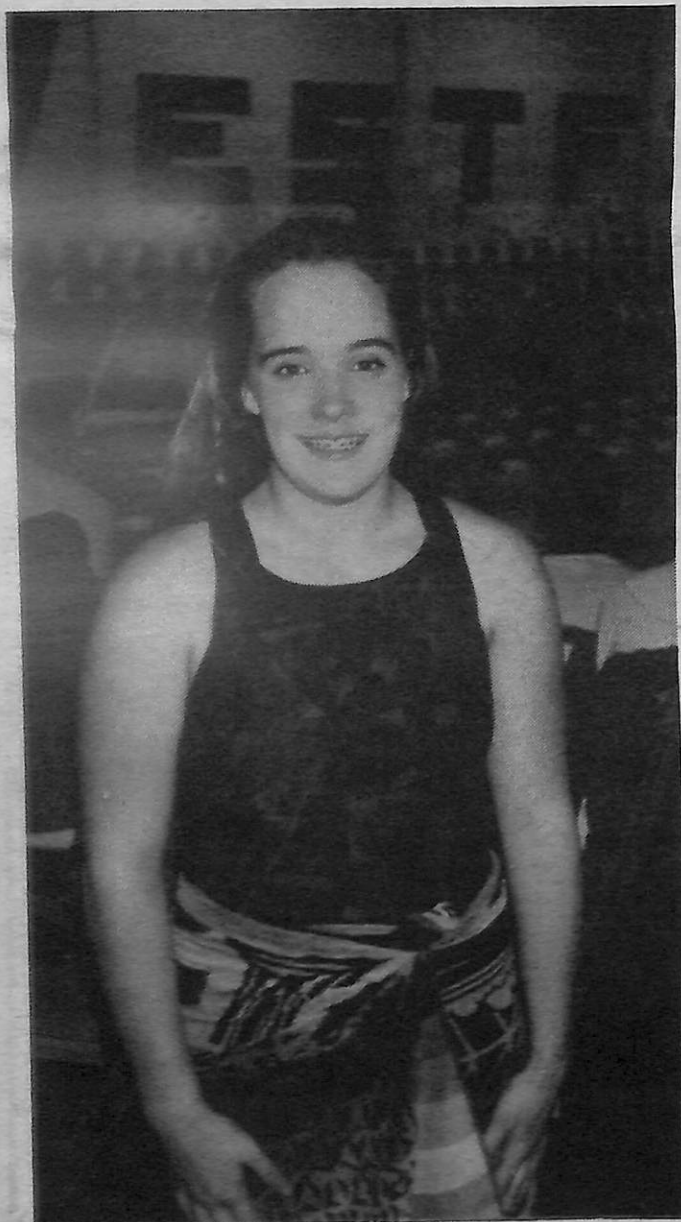
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AGAWAM RESIDENT DAVE STRATTON, who recently retired as a long-time and highly-respected basketball and soccer coach in the Springfield School System, is now coaching freshman basketball at Agawam High School. He wife, Rosemary, a well-known AHS teacher, is his occasional scorekeeper. Advertiser

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AHS JV & Frosh Basketball Results

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity boys' basketball team lost Tuesday to Chicopee Comp, 69-59. At one point in a good game, Agawam closed to within four. **Joe DiVirgilio** had 30 points for the young Brownies.

Over the holiday, the Agawam freshmen split two games. They fell to Holyoke, 79-30. "The Holyoke freshman team is as good as many JV teams in this area," freshman Coach Dave Stratton commented. In that game, **A.J. Martucci** had 11 points. **Miké Brunelle** chipped in with seven.

They turned around and beat Dean Voke in their next game, 43-27. In that one, Martucci had 16 points.

The JV girls' basketball team beat the Chicopee girls before Tuesday's varsity game, 35-27. **Jill Gendron** had 13 for the 2-0 team.

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Agawam High Hockey Suddenly Lighting Up The Nets (3 Straight Wins)

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There was a point in the young season when the Agawam High hockey faithful were a tad worried. You see, the club started out the campaign losing three straight and producing just eight goals. That is very different from the seven-plus goals a game the Fay Division champs averaged last year. Then, as though someone (probably Coach Fran Pycko) gave the club a good reading of the riot act, the flood gates opened. They have now won three straight, scoring a total of 29 goals while giving up just one. That is more like it.

Their latest victim was Holyoke High, who they whipped 7-0 Monday night at Fitzpatrick Arena. This one started out like a track meet. Both clubs, on fresh legs, were playing end-to-end hockey. For an early minute, the Purple Knights put on an intense rush. But Rich Feeley, Brian Pagella, and Jason Malanson cut the rush off at the knees and started some high pressure hockey of their own.

Penalty Killers Get The Job Done

That aggressiveness saw a Holyoke powerplay at the 11:10 mark. The penalty killers, led by Josh Sprague and Austin Kimball, did their jobs. The Knights came up empty.

Agawam had its first golden scoring opportunity at the 9:10 mark. Andy Radwanski and Dave Gusek were buzzing the Holyoke net. Both were flipping centering passes just in front of the crease. But Purple Knight goalie Tony Catalfano was up to the task, making three straight saves on point blank shots to end the threat.

The Brownies, perhaps a bit frustrated, stepped up the pressure. From the 7:10 to the 4:55 mark, Agawam owned the Holyoke zone. It looked as though they were on a powerplay even though both clubs were at full strength. It was all too much for the Knights' defenders. Tony LeClair scored Agawam's first goal with 4:55 left in the period from five feet out off dual assists from Gusek and Radwanski.

With 3:08 to go, Malanson lit the lamp off a rebound, again from short range. Malanson and Kimball got the assists. Agawam now led, 2-0.

Locals Don't Let Up

The Brownies, now sniffing blood, didn't let up. The offense, led by Sprague, continued to live in the Holyoke zone. The period ended with Brian Pagella just missing an open net opportunity. Agawam had 11 shots on net. Holyoke had seven.

Agawam came out in the second period and began where it had left off. Now the line of Feeley,

Pagella, and Malanson picked up the pace another notch. Whenever the Knights got a chance to mount some offense, the Brownies backchecked them off the puck.

With 3:40 gone, both Radwanski and LeClair walked in with the puck for more point blank action. Even though their efforts came up short, it was obvious the Purple Knights' defense was preparing for a meltdown.

Malanson scored Agawam's fourth goal at the 10:18 point of the period. He got a feed from Pagella and drilled a 20-foot slapshot into the lower right-hand corner of the Holyoke net. Catalfano had no chance. Sprague also got an assist on the play.

Holyoke had another powerplay at 6:03. Agawam effectively killed it.

Radwanski, who hustled and dug in the corners all evening long, would have four goals on the night. He scored the first from 15 feet out on the right wing with 3:28 left in the period. It came off a sharp centering pass from the left corner off the stick of Gusek. The second period ended 4-0, Brownies. Agawam had eight second period shots on net. Holyoke managed two.

Holyoke seemed more aggressive to start the third period. Agawam, backchecking and forechecking well, soon had the Knights skating on their heels once more. Sprague, Kimball, and Greg Jubinville were responsible for taking the wind out of the Knights. At the 9:40 mark, Agawam shifted into a defensive mode, content to meet the Holyoke offense at its blue line. Even then, Holyoke had trouble penetrating.

Their inability to take any advantage of anything the Brownies gave them was evident with 5:59 to go. Radwanski notched his second goal with a slapshot off a centering pass from Gusek. The score stood at 5-0, Brownies. The Knights started to stand down.

With 2:10 left, Radwanski scored his third (from Sprague). The Knights were now done for the night. Radwanski, however, was not. He got his fourth with 1:38 left to make the final 7-0, Agawam.

Agawam had eight final period shots for a game total of 27. Holyoke had one in the period for a total of 10.

Agawam's record rose to 3-3 (3-1, Fay Division). Holyoke fell to 1-4-1 (1-1-1, Fay Division).

Third Annual "Agawam Night" Being Sponsored By Springfield Falcons

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce that the third Annual Agawam Night, sponsored by the Agawam Recreation Department, has been scheduled for Friday, January 16, 1998, as the Falcons host the Saint John Flames at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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Gallagher Tabbed As All-WMass Linebacker

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Brian Gallagher has been named to the All-Western Mass football team. The 6'2", 230-pound junior, who played both offense and defense, was a unanimous choice for a first-team linebacker spot on the prestigious squad. Brian was one of the bright spots on a Brownie club that went 3-6-1 for the 1997 season.

"The reason he made the team was because most people feel Brian is the best linebacker in Western Massachusetts," Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said. During the season, Gallagher recorded three sacks plus an interception. But he was especially noted for his ability to stuff the run.

"I think that was my strongest point, filling the holes up the middle. And I think my ability at stopping the pitchout plays helped, too," Gallagher noted.

Brian wasn't surprised he made the team as a "backer." "I'm a little too big for a tailback, I think. Maybe if I had been a fullback, I would have made it on the offensive side. But I love to hit and that's how a linebacker makes his living." Brian's size is more in the college linebacking mode.

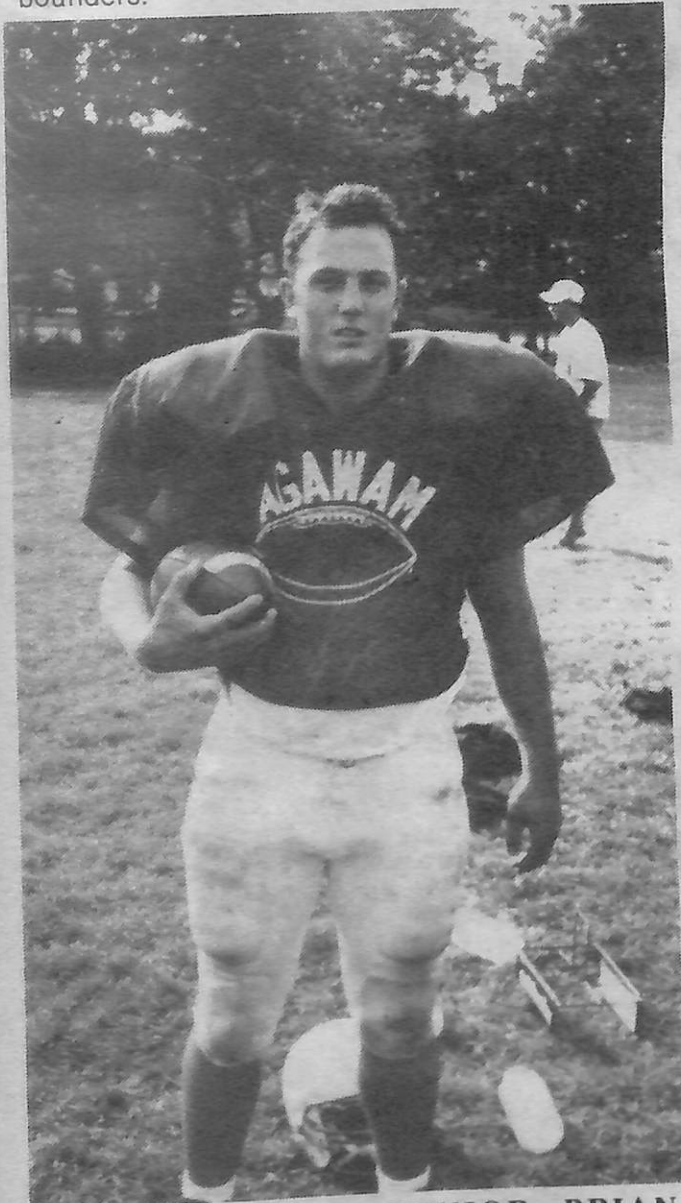
Still, it would be difficult to convince the faithful that Brian's performance on the other side of the ball didn't impress some folks. He ran for 929 yards on 213 carries for a 4.3 yard average. He had a good chance to break the 1,000-yard barrier.

Going into the final game of the season against West Springfield, he had 899. Projecting his average yards per carry, he was well within range of getting 1,000. Unfortunately, he blew out his ankle with two minutes gone in the second quarter. His day was done. To that point, he had 30 yards on eight carries.

Brian's biggest day of the season came against Holyoke. He got the ball 33 times and rushed for 256 yards, including four touchdowns. He would end up with 12 touchdowns for the year.

Gallagher also tossed a 25-yard TD pass.

Brian also plays varsity basketball for the Brownies, where he is one of their leading rebounders.



AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR BRIAN GALLAGHER was named to the All-Western Mass. Division I first team as a linebacker.

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ASA Co-Ed League Fall Awards Presented



THIS CO-ED TEAM FROM SOUTHWICK participated in the Agawam Soccer Association's U14 Co-Ed League and received their championship trophies on December 7th.

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KELLY'S NAVY BLUE were the undefeated and untied champions of the Agawam Soccer Association's 1997 fall U17 Co-Ed League. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Parks & Rec. Dept. Offer More Programs For Winter Season

The Recreation Department will offer the following winter programs:

Girl's Softball Pitching Clinic: Wednesday or Friday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School small gym beginning January 21st. The cost is \$20 and the program is open to girls ages eight to 17.

Drop-In Basketball: Supervised drop-in basketball program for **residents only** at the Agawam High School gym on Thursday evenings from 8:00-10:00 p.m. beginning January 15th. Participants must be 10 years or older. Cost: \$2 per night.

Recreational Swim: Public swim is held at the Agawam Junior High School pool on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:45 p.m. for all ages. Cost is \$2 (six years and up); \$1 (under six years).

Women's Volleyball: Fun, recreational volleyball program will meet on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at the Clark School gym beginning January 26th. Cost is \$30 for 12 weeks.

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Baywest Bantam A Hockey Team Chalks Up Three More Wins

The Baywest Bantam A hockey team recently added three more wins to its record.

First, facing off against Holy Name, a closely matched game began and continued until 7:04 of the third period, when Mike Kosinski put the puck into the Holy Name net with a play set up by Matt Doe and Seth Cassidy. Goalie Matt Bocchino earned a shutout with a final score of 1-0.

In an independent game, Baywest next faced off against the Junior Indians. There was no scoring in the first period, but five penalties in this period dictated the type of physical game that would follow.

In the second period, Jeff Smrecek was first to slam the puck past the Indians' goalie with a nice pass from Andy Lang. Lang then got one in himself with assists going to Matt Doe and Nick Paier. The Indians tied the game at 9:01 in the second period. It was an exciting, close third period.

With a total of 13 penalties called in the game, Baywest took advantage of a power play opportunity late in the third period when John Tisdell passed the puck back to defenseman Mike Czepiel. Czepiel passed it across to defenseman Nick Paier, who scored on a slapshot from the point.

Despite three powerplay opportunities for the Indians in the third period, they were unable to get it past goalie Matt Bocchino, who was again outstanding in the net for Baywest.

In the next GSL game, Baywest and Tri-City met to play a very evenly matched game. Once again, Jeff Smrecek was first to put Baywest on the board at 4:10 in the first period. Lang and Doe got credit for the assists.

Tied at 1-1, Seth Cassidy scored at 6:57 in the second period after receiving a nice pass from Tisdell. Mike Kosinski scored at 4:19 in the second, assisted by Cassidy.

It was a hat trick for Cassidy, as he scored the next two goals in the third period with assists from Kosinski (two), Tisdell, and Czepiel. The final score was 5-3.

Coached by Mike Czepiel, the Bantam A team has played well together. Excellent passing from the forwards and good defense have made this team a threat to other teams in the Bantam division.

Their current GSL record is 3-1-2. Their overall record is 12-5-2.

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Bay West Panthers Faced A Variety Of Competitors In Late December Hockey Action

On Thursday, December 18th, the Bay West Panthers (Squirt B) Division took their show on the road to Greenfield. The game started with the play mostly being played at center ice and Greenfield did have a couple of excellent opportunities, but the Bay West goaltender, Tony Boido, came up with some big saves.

The Panthers broke the ice as Ed Gaiser fed through a perfect pass to Jon Wagner, who wasted no time putting the puck into the net to give Bay West a 1-0 lead. The Panthers continued with excellent defensive plays and hustle by Alex Demers, Joey Zmuda, and Matt Footit.

Bay West came out strong in the second period, taking a 2-0 lead on Matt Woodward's goal on an excellent shot from the point. Adam Corbin followed immediately with a goal of his own to give the Panthers a 3-0 lead. Ryan Harlow added another goal, with the assist going to Jon Wagner, to increase the lead to 4-0.

Greenfield started the third period with two quick goals to close the Bay West lead to 4-2. The Panthers regrouped their offense, as Jon Wagner scored his second goal to give Bay West a 5-2 advantage. David Suchy then scored an unassisted goal to make the score 6-2.

The scoring didn't stop there, as Jon Wagner picked up his third goal to complete his hat trick to close the scoring at 7-2 for the win. The great hustle of Anthony Santinello, Mike O'Neil, and Mike Brouillette contributed to the Bay West offensive attack.

On Saturday, December 20th, the Panthers were matched up against Amherst. Amherst started the scoring as they took a 1-0 lead in the first period and held that lead through the period.

The second period started with Bay West tying the game on a rebound goal by Mike Brouillette, assisted by Dave Suchy. The Panthers then took the lead, as Anthony Santinello scored with Ryan Harlow receiving the all-important assist.

Amherst then tied the score in the third period and took the lead to make the final score 3-2 Amherst.

On Sunday, December 21st, the Panthers took on the first-place WTM team in Enfield. The Panthers wasted no time as Anthony Santinello scored with the assist going to Dave Suchy on a fine pass from the corner. Bay West then took the lead as Jon Wagner displayed excellent speed as he scored on an unassisted goal to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead. However, the first-place WTM team kept the pressure on as they had a two-man advantage on the power play, but the Panthers killed off the penalties, escaping any damage.

Mike O'Neil made an outstanding block on a shot from the point, along with Tony Boido making excellent saves. Matt Woodward also contributed with a good break-up of a WTM two-on-one break.

The second period started in WTM's favor as they scored two quick goals to knot the game at 2-2. Adam Corbin almost scored as his shot clanged off the post. An excellent defensive play by Ed Gaiser helped keep the game tied, as he made a diving block of a would-be pass to an open WTM player in front of the net. WTM then started the third period finding the back of the net to take a 3-2 lead on a breakaway goal.

However, Bay West wouldn't be denied as Adam Corbin took a screaming wrist shot to tie the game with the assist going to Anthony Santinello. The fine play of goaltender Tony Boido kept this game at a tie, for he had to come up with some point-blank saves.

At presstime, the Panthers' record stands at 4-2-2 for the season. Their schedule has recently included games against the other Bay West "B" squad and against Tri-City.

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Agawam Piranhas Swim Results Vs. EL

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the East Longmeadow team by a score of 432-401 on December 13, 1997 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

Julie Gorman, first in 100-yard individual medley. The team of Stephanie Scavotto, Caitlin Hurley, Taryn Dooley, and Julie Gorman placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay. Stephanie Scavotto, second, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard freestyle. Taryn Dooley, first in 25-yard butterfly. Caitlin Hurley, first in 50-yard freestyle. Julie Gorman, first, and Taryn Dooley, third in 25-yard backstroke. Stephanie Scavotto, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Daniel Demers, Andrew Ardolino, Andrew Michalak, and Antonne Mathes placed second in 100-yard medley relay. The team of Anthony Lee, Zachary Demers, Andrew Ardolino, and Adam Deliefde placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; Daniel Demers, third in 25-yard freestyle. Anthony Lee, first, and Adam Deliefde, third in 25-yard butterfly. Anthony Lee, second in 50-yard freestyle. Zachary Demers, second in 25-yard backstroke. Adam Deliefde, first, and Andre Michalak, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Gabrielle Brown, Kelly Follis, Kaitlin Bond, and Danielle Poggi placed second in the 200-yard medley relay. Jessica Lalli, first in 100-yard individual medley. The team of Danielle Poggi, Gabrielle Brown, Tammy Gorman, and Jessica Lalli placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Kaitlin Bond, first, and Tammy Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle. Tammy Gorman, first, and Kaitlin Bond, second in 50-yard butterfly. Jessica Lalli, first in 100-yard freestyle. Danielle

Poggi, second in 50-yard backstroke. Kelly Follis, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 100-yard individual medley. The team of William Barker III, Daniel Serna, Connor Dooley, and Erik Deliefde placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay. William Barker III, first, and Danielle Serna, second in the 50-yard freestyle. Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 50-yard butterfly. Connor Dooley, second, and Daniel Serna, third in 100-yard freestyle. Erik Deliefde, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Lindsay Carey, Allison Morris, and Katie Gorman placed second in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Abriana Spagnoli, Angela Vinton, Erin Milillo, and Rebecca Carey placed third.

Katie Gorman, second in 200-yard individual medley. Lindsay Carey, first in 200-yard freestyle. Allison Morris, second in 50-yard freestyle. Allison Morris, second, and Katie Gorman, third in 50-yard butterfly. Brittany Theriaque, first in 100-yard freestyle. Brittany Theriaque, second in 50-yard backstroke. Lindsay Carey, second, and Angela Vinton, third in 50-yard breaststroke. The team of Abriana Spagnoli, Erin Milillo, Angela Vinton, and Rebecca Carey placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 11-12:

The team of Phillip Prouty, David Torrey, Kyle Henry, and Michael Lalli placed second in the 200-yard medley relay. Kyle Sullivan, second in 200-yard individual medley. Daniel Adamski, first, and David Torrey, second in 200-yard freestyle. Thomas Gorman, second, and Kyle Henry, third in 50-yard freestyle. Paul Lagasse, first, and Phillip Prouty, third in 50-yard butterfly. Kyle Sullivan,

first in 100-yard freestyle. Daniel Adamski, first, and Michael Lalli, second in 50-yard backstroke. David Torrey, second, and Thomas Gorman, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Thomas Gorman, Paul Lagasse, Kyle Sullivan, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Matthew Gendron, Kyle Henry, Michael Lalli, and Phillip Prouty placed second.

Girls 13-14:

The team of Amanda Boissonneault, Rebecca Morytko, Hilary Golas, and Kimberly Chmura placed second in the 200-yard medley relay. Hilary Golas, first in 200-yard individual medley. Ashley King, first, and Kristine Archambault, second in 200-yard freestyle. Hilary Golas, first in 50-yard freestyle. Kyleigh Egan, first, and Daveen Macsata, second in 100-yard butterfly. Rebecca Morytko, second, and Kimberly Chmura, third in 100-yard freestyle. Kimberly Chmura, second in 100-yard backstroke. Rebecca Morytko, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard individual medley. Frank Bond, Jr., second in 50-yard freestyle. Nathan Adamski, first in 100-yard freestyle. Michael Follis, second in 100-yard backstroke. Michael Follis, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

Girls 15-18:

Hilary King, first in 50-yard freestyle. Hilary King, first in the 100-yard freestyle.

Boys 15-18:

Matthew Francis, second in the 50-yard freestyle. Matthew Francis, first in the 100-yard freestyle. Matthew Francis, first in the 100-yard backstroke.

Soccer Association Signing-Up For New Co-Ed League

Due to its demand, the Agawam Soccer Association is pleased to announce a new spring soccer program for boys and girls born between October 1, 1987 and October 1, 1991.

Depending upon the number of signups, either separate boys/girls teams/divisions or coed teams will be formed. The program is designed to give boys and girls the opportunity to play soccer in the spring in an In-Town format.

The league will hold all games only on Sunday afternoons. FINAL soccer signups for the Spring Soccer season for BOTH the new In-Town and Pioneer Valley will be held on Saturday, January 10th at the Middle School from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Anyone missing this signup will be subject to an additional \$10 late fee per player.

The Agawam Soccer Association is the premier soccer club in the town of Agawam currently sponsoring over 28 teams in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League. We have boys' and girls' teams in all age groups from U9 to U17. In addition, the Agawam Soccer Organization provides

the structure for over 1,100 boys and girls in the town of Agawam to play recreational soccer through our organized In-Town program.

Many of the best high school players are past graduates of the Agawam Soccer Association's programs. We sponsor several area scholarships for those children going on to college and frequently have the Agawam High School players and coaches participate in practices and scrimmages for all of our players.

As of last season, the Agawam Soccer Association has begun a development program for all the coaches and assistant coaches in order to improve their skills, teaching abilities, first aid knowledge, and knowledge of the game. This enables our coaches to provide first-rate training to all of Agawam's youth soccer players.

Each season provides several sessions for the coaches to improve their skills with experts such as Ken Fever, Soccer Majic, Dwight Northup, Agawam High School, and Jim Rudi, UMass Women's soccer putting on training camps for our coaches and players.

In addition, the Association is sponsoring a "D" level course which will allow our coaches to receive soccer coaching licenses as granted by the MYSA. This year, all Pioneer Valley coaches are required to receive their licenses in order to continue coaching in the league.

Two courses are being offered, both held here in Agawam on February 21st and March 7th. As both are filling up rapidly, please call Al Corbin at 789-1373. Please note that although anyone is eligible to sign up for these courses, current coaches for Agawam Soccer will be given preference over others.

All of this hard work has benefited many young soccer players in the town of Agawam and as Dwight Northup, Agawam High School Boys' Coach, remarked, "Some of the best area players in high school are coming out of Agawam, and have been in the Agawam Soccer Association program for several years. This program is a good way to start a solid soccer career!"

AHS's 1997-98 Winter Athletic Schedule

ICE HOCKEY

Varsity Coach: Fran Pycko

Assistant Coach: John Cirelli

Site: Olympia Arena, West Springfield

Jan. 13th: Amherst, Olympia, Home, 8:00.

Jan. 15th: Longmeadow, Olympia, Away, 4:00.

Jan. 18th-19th: Chicopee Tournament, TBA, Away.

Jan. 22nd: East Longmeadow, Olympia, Away, 4:00.

Jan. 24th: Ludlow, Olympia, Home, 6:30.

Jan. 31st: Chicopee Comp., Olympia, Home, 6:30.

Feb. 2nd: Chicopee, Holyoke, Away, 8:15.

Feb. 6th: South Hadley, Amherst, Away, 8:00.

Feb. 10th: Holyoke, Olympia, Home, 4:00.

Feb. 12th: West Springfield, Olympia, Home, 8:00.

Feb. 16th: Greenfield, Greenfield, Away, 7:10.

Feb. 18th: Easthampton, Away, 7:00.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Lou Conte

Junior Varsity Coach: Karen Patterson

Site: Agawam High School Gymnasium

Jan. 9th: Central, Away, 3:00/4:30.

Jan. 12th: Westfield, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 14th: Longmeadow, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 16th: West Springfield, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 21st: Cathedral, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 23rd: Northampton, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 28th: Chicopee Comp, Away, 3:00/4:30.

Jan. 30th: Holyoke, Home, 3:30/5:00.

Feb. 2nd: Amherst, Away, 3:30/5:00.

Feb. 6th: Longmeadow, Home, 4:30/6:30.

Feb. 10th: West Springfield, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 13th: Cathedral, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 17th: Northampton, Away, 4:30/6:00.

Feb. 19th: Minnechaug, Home, 5:30/7:00.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Gary Grumoli

Junior Varsity Coach: Hassan Robinson

Site: Agawam High School Gymnasium

Jan. 9th: Longmeadow, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 12th: Putnam, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 14th: Amherst, Away, 6:30/8:00.

Jan. 16th: Central, Away, 6:30/8:00.

Jan. 20th: Chicopee, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 23rd: Cathedral, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 26th: Northampton, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Jan. 28th: Commerce, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 3rd: Minnechaug, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 6th: Longmeadow, Home, 3:00/8:00.

Feb. 9th (if possible): Science & Technology, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 11th: Amherst, Home, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 13th: Chicopee, Away, 6:00/7:30.

Feb. 17th: Northampton, Home, 4:30/6:00.

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FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach: Lynda Kunasek
Site: Agawam High School Gymnasium

Jan. 9th: Central, Home, 3:30.
Jan. 12th: Westfield, Away, 3:00.
Jan. 14th: Longmeadow, Home (JHS), 3:30.
Jan. 21st: Cathedral, Away, 3:30.
Jan. 23rd: Ludlow, Away, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, Home, 3:15.
Jan. 28th: Chicopee Comp, Home, 3:30.
Jan. 30th: Holyoke, Away, 3:30.
Feb. 3rd: Amherst, Home (JHS), 3:45.
Feb. 6th: Longmeadow, Away, 4:30.
Feb. 9th: Ludlow, Home (JHS), 3:00.
Feb. 13th: Cathedral, Home, 5:00.
Feb. 19th: Minnechaug, Away, 3:30.

FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

Head Coach: TBA
Site: Agawam High School Gymnasium

Jan. 9th: Longmeadow, Home, 5:15.
Jan. 12th: Putnam, Home, 3:30.
Jan. 14th: Amherst, Home, 3:45.
Jan. 16th: Central, Home, 3:30.
Jan. 20th: Chicopee, Away, 3:30.
Jan. 23rd: Cathedral, Home, 3:15.
Jan. 26th: Northampton, Home, 5:00.
Jan. 28th: Commerce, Away (Kiley), 3:30.
Feb. 3rd: Minnechaug, Away, 3:30.
Feb. 6th: Longmeadow, Away, 3:00.
Feb. 11th: Amherst, Away, 3:30.
Feb. 13th: Chicopee, Home, 3:30.
Feb. 17th: Northampton, Away, 11:00 a.m.

WRESTLING

Coach: Phil Tomkiel
Assistant Coach: Gary Geiger
Site: Agawam High School Gymnasium

Jan. 14th: Longmeadow, Home, 3:30.
Jan. 17th: Minnechaug, Home, 1:00.
Jan. 21st: Amherst, Away, 7:00.
Jan. 23th-24th: PVIAC Tournament, Away (TBA), All Day.
Jan. 29th: Central High School, Away, 7:00.
Jan. 31st: Westfield, Home, 1:00.
Feb. 4th: West Springfield High School, Away (TBA).
Feb. 13th-14th: Western Mass. Tournament, Away (TBA), All Day.
Feb. 20th-21st: Mass. State Tournament, Away (TBA), All Day.
Feb. 28th: All-State Tournament, Away (TBA), All Day.
Mar. 6th-7th: New England Tournament, Away (TBA), All Day.

SKIING

Boys' Coach: Glenn Olson
Girls' Coach: Jim Graveline
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Site: Berkshire East Ski Area

Jan. 15th.
Jan. 22nd.
Jan. 29th.
Feb. 3rd.
Feb. 5th.
Feb. 10th: Individuals.
Feb. 12th: Individuals (Snow Date), State Meet.

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SWIMMING

Girls' Coach: Kim Scofield
Boys' Coach: Chris Johnson
Time: 3:30 p.m. (except as noted below)
Site: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Jan. 9th: Turners Falls, Home.
Jan. 13th: Holyoke Catholic, Home.
Jan. 16th: Easthampton, Home.
Jan. 21st: Chicopee, Away.
Jan. 23rd: Northampton, Home.
Jan. 27th: Science & Technology, Home, 4:45.
Jan. 30th: Monson, Home.
Feb. 3rd: Cathedral (Kiley), Away.
Feb. 6th: West Springfield, Away.
Feb. 10th: Palmer, Home.
Feb. 19th-21st: Western Mass. Sectional, TBA.
Feb. 27th-28th: States, TBA.

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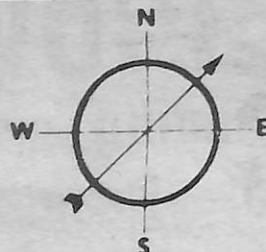
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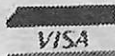


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